

# SOCCER

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It's a goal for Leichhardt as Bertie Mariani's penalty kick nestles in the net with Marconi goalkeeper Bruce James beaten.

# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

## CROATIA OLYMPIC BEOGRAD

## JUVENTUS MONARO

## MARCONI

## AVALA YUGAL

ASKS DAVID JACK

**NOW it has finally been decided that Soccer will retain its National League at least for another year, the major headache facing the administration is "the names game."**

The code is about to try to find a solution to the age-old problem of ethnic club names: there is no simple solution.

At the Australian Soccer Federation's impor-

tant meeting in Sydney last weekend, it was made clear that all teams competing in the NSL next year will have to have Australian district names.

When I passed on this information to Tony Topic, president of the Sydney Croatia club, he was

surprised...to say the least.

"My club was assured by NSL vice chairman Tony Labbozzetta some time ago that there would be no problem about our retaining the Croatia name," said Topic.

Croatia have stated many times — and with

great conviction — that if they could not keep the name Croatia, they would not play in the National League.

However, one concession has been made to Croatia and other clubs who want to be known by their ethnic names.

It seems that, for pur-

poses of promotion, publicity and attracting sponsors, ethnic club names are quite acceptable.

This bending of the "firm" rules on district names might just be enough to lure clubs like Croatia, Melita, Juventus and so forth into the 1984 NSL.

Even so, it is going to be terribly confusing for people who follow those clubs at matches.

Will we have the ludicrous situation of Melita Eagles being known as Melita Eagles from Monday to Saturday and suddenly changing its name to, say, South Granville when it plays its games each Sunday?

And if the name South Granville appears in the NSL points table, is it not likely that Melita Eagles' supporters will not recognise the name and wonder what team it is?

The latest guidelines on club names can only be described as a clumsy compromise. It could

mean that the majority of teams in the new NSL will be saddled with two names instead of one!

Such a situation would provide Australian Soccer with another "first" among the 150-odd Soccer playing nations of the world.

The ethnic names mix up is only one of many problems which will have to be sorted out by the ASF in the next few months.

People who support the new 24-team NSL won their first battle last weekend at the ASF meeting.

They have several others to fight and win in the next few months.



RECENT distressing events which have caused Tommy Docherty to part company with Sydney Olympic have done enormous damage to the image of Soccer in Australia.

The cynics may ask "what image?" Who would blame them?

It has often been stated that this wonderful game — as played and administered in this country — has a perpetual death wish.

Somehow or other it survives. On odd occasions, it even grabs the public and causes the optimists among us to predict a bright future. That certainly happened in 1974 when Australia sent a team to the World Cup in Germany: to a lesser extent, it also happened a few months ago when a bunch of Aussie kids had a memorable victory over the European champions, Scotland, in Mexico.

We might also look back on the night Cosmos took Sydney Showground by storm and the day Pele's Santos filled Sydney Sports Ground to capacity.

On such occasions, Australian sporting people take Soccer to their hearts and even the most biased admit that the code does have something rather special to offer.

Yet all such achievements are quickly forgotten when Soccer shows its ugly face to the public.

This, if we are honest, happens far too often. There have been instances of spectators invading the playing area and brutally attacking either players or match officials. There have been sickening fights among

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spectators who are far more concerned with perpetuating ancient European conflicts than which team may win a game of Soccer. This nonsense reached a new low only a few weeks ago when there was trouble at Lambert Park between rival supporters after the Leichhardt — Sydney City match. Incredible though it may appear, the trouble was between Englishmen and Italians. And it happened in Australia!

Now comes the Tommy Docherty affair.

The majority of Greek followers of Sydney Olympic are pleasant, friendly, folk who are acutely embarrassed by the dreadful treatment handed out to The Doc.

They realise that, in a civilised country, people do not spit at each other. They know, and have to accept, that the entire Greek community in Sydney is now suffering, to a greater or lesser extent, for the sins of, maybe, a hundred idiot thugs.

ASW sympathises with Jim Petinellis, the Olympic president, who has an enormous problem on his hands keeping the idiots in order.

John Constantine, Petinellis's predecessor as president, was at the Olympic v Brisbane City game which was to bring about the downfall of The Doc.

He went home after the game and said he felt as if Sydney Olympic had passed away.

"The club's days may be numbered," said Constantine. "The whole affair is sickening. At this time last year, I had exactly the same problem when some people wanted to dump Olympic coach Doug Collins. I told them they'd have to get rid of me if they wanted to change the coach."

It is history now that Collins went... and so did Constantine.

The power of the fans in Australian Soccer is frightening. They have proved that even a coach as renowned as Tommy Docherty cannot last if they wish to hound him out of his job.

It is not only in Sydney that this is happening. Ken Morton was relieved of his job as Heidelberg coach only 24 hours before Docherty and Olympic parted company. Why did Morton go? Because the club supporters demanded his head.

FOOTNOTE: It is worth remembering that in Tommy Docherty's first season at Old Trafford, he took the famous Manchester United club from first to second division. But the Doc was NOT sacked. He stayed on and, in the following season, United had a spectacularly successful promotion run, attracting enormous crowds to matches throughout England. They also reached the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley two years in succession, beating "unbeatable" Liverpool in one of those finals. But, of course, United fans do not have the power to demand the dismissal of the team coach. In Australia it is a much misused power and it does immense harm to Soccer.

# IRON MAN SCHAEFER TAKES DOC'S PLACE



Manfred Schaefer

some comments about players competing in top Soccer today and who impressed him.

"Well for a start, I don't want to sound critical, but I was a little disappointed with Newcastle. I expected much more from them to reflect their very

high standing in the NSL. Their coach, Kenny Kaiser, deserves a medal for what he has done in getting KB so high up. David Lowe is some player though," Schaefer said. "Now with Marconi, I liked Rene Licata very much from the moment Collins brought him on against Leichhardt.

"But with Leichhardt, well to be honest, they have a great team. A very mobile, comprehensive and well co-ordinated unit. They surprised me. Peter Tredinnick, Butler, Morsello etc, are all top players. And in the St George match, their sweeper, Ratcliffe, is all class. He's a real good one," concluded Schaefer.

FORMER Australian World Cup iron man, Manfred (Bomber) Schaefer, shocked the world of Soccer when Sydney Olympic announced his appointment as Tommy Docherty's successor for the remainder of the 1983 season reports JOHN ECONOMOS.

The "Bomber", out of NSL football since 1977, is looking forward to his new assignment with Sydney Olympic.

"It's good to get back on the old scene," the 40-year-old war-horse told us.

Schaefer has always been a St George boy for almost 17 consecutive years. He played 15 years with the Saints, was assistant coach in 1975 and manager-coach of St George in 1976 when they won the championship for two years running.

Manfred was in three Australian World Cup squads (1966, 1970 and 1974) and played 49 full A class internationals as well as many more B class.

After watching three NSL matches last weekend (for the first time in months), including his own against Newcastle KB, I asked Schaefer for

## NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

WOLLONGONG CITY 0, HEIDELBERG 0. At Corrimall Ziemw Park. Crowd: 1200

ST. GEORGE 1 (Banfield o.g.), ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Carter). At St. George Stadium. Crowd: 5,682.

BRISBANE CITY 0, FOOTSCRAY 1 (Paton). At Spencer Park. Crowd: 2,000.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0, NEWCASTLE 1 (Jones). At St. George Stadium. Crowd: 3,214.

LEICHHARDT 2 (Mariani, Bradley) MARCONI 0. At St. George Stadium. Crowd: 5,682.

PRESTON 5 (McMillan 2, Campbell, Ollerton, Farrell), BRISBANE LIONS 0. At Conner Reserve. Crowd: 3,000.

WEST ADELAIDE 2, (Brown, Honeyman) CANBERRA CITY 2 (Farina, Cole). At Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 1,800.

STH MELBOURNE 3 (Buljevic, Egan, Brown) SYDNEY CITY 2 (Murray, Watson). At Middle Park. Crowd: 6,000.

## POTTED PREVIEW By Chrystal Ball

FOOTSCRAY, picking up points like they're going out of fashion, should have great match against title-chasing KB... and win again. Marconi v Preston another big attraction with "Big Ollie" keen to rub his old club's nose in the Bossley Park dirt.

Not much joy for followers of strugglers like Heidelberg, Wollongong and West Adelaide. All face defeats, though Westad have outside chance against out of touch Lions.

Olympic v Leichhardt should be super show but after Olympic's recent upheavals, who knows? If you're looking for form upset, put few dollars on Slickers failing at Olympic Sports Field.

# EXIT:2 MORE

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE'S NSL clubs, already short of experienced players, could lose two for next season.

City's Les Carter and West's Mickey Brennan are both visa players, and under the new tighter laws may have to return to England.

Under the new set up players must return to their home countries if they are not involved in a

high level of sport during the Australian close season.

Carter and Brennan, both robust midfielders, have jobs, excellent prospects and want to remain in Australia.

The clubs can certainly fly them back to England then bring them back out

again for the 1984 season, but neither player wants to give up his work here, particularly Brennan who is a family man.

Carter is single, but wants to maintain continuity with his job.

Both clubs have also been cutting down on expenses, and at this stage don't want to commit themselves to air fares, particularly when it involves a family in the case of Brennan.

Jimmy Wright, on City's books but only a regular in their reserve team, is in the same position with a job, wife and family and keen to stay here.

However, he has also been told he will probably have to return to the UK.

## NSL TOP SCORERS

M. Soper (S.O.)	11	D. Wright (B.L.)	6
J. Bradley (L)	11	G. Gomez (S.C.)	6
J. Paton (F).....	10	P. Katholos (S.O.)	6
C. Lucchesi (P)	9	D. Lowe (N)	6
G. Ward (P)	9	J. Mullen (A.C.)	6
J. Kosmina (S.C.)	9	I. Gibson (C)	5
P. O'Connor (W)	9	F. Farina (C).....	5
D. Brown (S.M.)	9	D. Lea (H)	5
S. Bryant (C).....	8	J. Campbell (H)	5
B. Mountford (N)	8	T. Morsello (L)	5
R. Brown (M)	8	V. Bozanic (M)	5
R. Cotton (W)	8	Z. Odzakov (P)	5
C. Egan (S.M.)	8	p. Ollerton (P).....	5
B. Hamilton (B.C.)	7	D. Marton (ST.G)	5

## NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

Heidelberg -v- Brisbane City  
ST. George -v- Wollongong City  
Canberra City -v- South Melbourne  
Brisbane Lions -v- West Adelaide  
Marconi -v- Preston  
Sydney Olympic -v- Leichhardt  
Footscray -v- Newcastle KB  
Adelaide City -v- Sydney City

## NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt		
1. PRESTON.....	23	13	7	3	40-20	46	9	2	1	27-11	29	4	5	2	13-9	17		
2. NEWCASTLE.....	23	12	4	7	38-19	40	6	3	3	18-7	21	6	1	4	20-12	19		
3. SYDNEY CITY.....	23	11	7	5	32-25	40	8	4	0	19-5	28	3	3	5	13-20	12		
4. ST. GEORGE.....	23	9	9	5	28-21	36	5	5	1	13-8	20	4	4	4	15-13	16		
5. STH MELBOURNE.....	23	10	5	8	33-31	35	5	3	4	17-16	18	5	2	4	16-15	17		
6. LEICHHARDT.....	23	10	4	9	36-27	34	8	2	2	24-9	26	2	2	7	12-18	8		
7. BRISBANE CITY.....	23	8	8	7	28-33	32	4	5	3	17-16	17	4	3	4	11-17	15		
8. SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	23	9	4	10	30-25	31	4	2	5	15-12	14	5	2	5	15-13	17		
9. MARCONI.....	23	8	7	8	35-32	31	5	3	3	20-16	18	3	4	5	15-16	13		
10. FOOTSCRAY.....	23	8	7	8	21-33	31	5	3	3	14-18	18	3	4	5	7-15	13		
11. CANBERRA CITY.....	23	8	5	10	37-38	29	6	3	2	23-11	21	2	2	8	14-27	8		
12. ADELAIDE CITY.....	24	8	5	11	27-28	29	5	2	4	13-11	17	3	3	7	14-17	12		
13. WEST ADELAIDE.....	23	5	10	8	19-28	25	4	5	4	15-17	17	1	5	4	4-11	8		
14. HEIDELBERG.....	23	5	9	9	21-30	24	5	2	4	14-11	17	0	7	5	7-19	7		
15. BRISBANE LIONS.....	23	5	5	13	27-48	20	5	1	5	19-17	16	0	4	8	8-31	4		
16. WOLLONGONG.....	24	2	12	10	30-44	18	0	9	3	13-16	9	2	3	7	17-28	9		



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The Doc reads an old Manchester United program from the days when he was manager, given to him by dinner guest and keen Manchester United fan, Mr Eric Haugh, 74. On Docherty's right is Canberra Arrows' administrator, Karen Grega.

## OUTSPOKEN DINNER GUEST DOCHERTY!

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's ex-coach Tommy Docherty as always controversial and outspoken, has blasted the behaviour of Olympic's fans, some players and the Greek press and said the national coaching job wasn't a full-time position reports STEVE BURNS.

These — and several other criticisms and personal opinions — came when The Doc was guest of honour at a Canberra Arrows VIP club dinner.

It was a huge success — although some of the criticisms aired brought bitter reactions.

A sample of some other Docherty observations: —

- The Australian game suffers from having too many selfish people at the top in administration

- Australia's greatest player was Joe Marston who for seven years played with Preston North End and was, at that time, perhaps the best centre half in England;

- That he, Docherty, had once been the subject of the quotable quote: "Docherty you've had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus;

- That a great Soccer player is born, not made;

- That he is strongly in favour of the NSL 24 club concept because it would reduce expenses, promote more local derbies and

boost crowds;

On the national coaching job: "I don't think the national coaching job should be full-time," said the Doc. "I don't think the work load justifies it."

"The national job should be backed by the occupant having a club coaching position. That hurly burly is a must."

Greek fans at Olympic and the Greek press.

"The behaviour of some fans is a disgrace — as is the level of reporting of sections of the Greek press in Sydney and Melbourne."

"These media people never seem to contact you to verify anything — no matter how personal or damaging it might be. All too often, from my point of view, what's written is a load of rubbish."

And, on some of his own players: "Several are bone idle. I'm not joking. Too often here the practice is to pay players before you know they can deliver the goods."

"That's ludicrous."

And to take it a step further, the Doc said he felt that more and more clubs would reduce — dramatically — signing on fees.

"Some could wipe them altogether," he added.

When John Warren asked what would he like to see done over the next five years to improve the game down under, The Doc replied:

"Trust you, Johnny, to throw that in. It is so difficult to answer."

"I'd amalgamate the ASF and the NSL, sort out the dead wood by introducing a 65 years retirement. Those beyond that — out without fear or favour."

"I would encourage local coaches to go overseas to further their experience, I would introduce a secretary-manager's Association. I would give the top executive — like the ASF secretary — much more power to get planning and policy moving."

# SAINTS SET ON TAMING WOLVES

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEXT SATURDAY, at the St George Stadium, the Saints tangle head on with Willie Wallace's Wollongong Wolves, in what promises to be a very tough clash.

Both these teams have totalled between them no less than 21 draws.

Wollongong will have back in their line-up, ace-striker Roy Cotton, who missed last Sunday's scoreless draw against Heidelberg.

Wollongong's deadly flankman, Phil O'Connor, will relish Cotton's return as, over the past two seasons, these two have built up a perfect understanding in attack.

St George, on the other hand, were lucky to scrape home with a draw last week against Adelaide City despite dominating much of the match. The Saints sadly missed their attacking goalscoring-midfielder, Mark Barton, who was out with a week's suspension for rattling up 12 penalty points.

The Saints' manager, Frank Arok, will definitely include Barton for Saturday's match.

Arok said last night: "In the same game last year, these two teams were fighting for second and third place on the

PSL ladder. But this year it is not exactly the same case, even though we have to meet them with the same type of players like Cotton and O'Connor."

"For St George, we must win if we are to do anything in this year's NSL, but we will have Barton and Terry Greedy back on deck."

## BANKSTOWN AMALGAMATE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

NSW State League side Bankstown have amalgamated with local Lebanese club National Sports and will be called Bankstown National subject to approval from the NSW Federation.

This resolution was decided at a large two hour meeting last Sunday night.

The club secretary, Jim Giffin, contacted ASW last Sunday night after the meeting.

"We came by this decision for the simple reason of advancing the standard of Soccer in the Bankstown area."

"None of the local businesses came to our aid and we feel this is the

best way to inject funds into the club."

"Seventy per cent of the Sydney Lebanese community live in the Bankstown area and they haven't a club that plays in the State League."

With the obvious increase in spectator support and the increase in club trading, Bankstown will certainly be a club to surprise many people in the future.

# BIG MATCH MITCH

IN ONLY his third outing for Rangers, Australia's David Mitchell played in front of 70,000 spectators in the Glasgow match of the year at Parkhead between Celtic and Rangers last Saturday.

Although the result, a victory for old enemy Celtic 2-1, disappointed Mitchell, the game was an incredible experience for the 21 year old from Adelaide.

Considering he regularly played in Australia's National Soccer League in front of fewer than a thousand spectators at Sydney Athletic Field, when he was with Sydney City, last Saturday's experience was something the boy will never forget.

He has played against Queen of the South, Clydebank and now, the tremendously important one against Celtic.

In Adelaide, David's delighted dad, Jim Mitchell, refused to believe that his boy was already an established star.

"The game is very hard over there," he said, "and a player is only as good as his last match."

— DAVID JACK

## Marconi vs Preston

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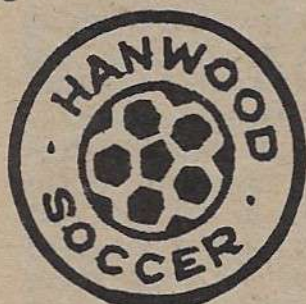
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# ROUND UP



## PRESTON SO NEAR THAT TITLE

BY HARRY HALL

**PRESTON sailed towards their first NSL title, with a 5-nil victory over lowly-placed Brisbane Lions.**

Two goals within the space of 18 minutes gave the home team an undisputed lead and the confidence to strengthen their hold on first place in the League.

George McMillan opened the scoring after 14 minutes from a Campbell cross and Odzakov repeated the action four minutes later to set his team on the path to a great victory.

Preston supremo, Peter Ollerton, took his turn in the 54th minute converting an Odzakov free-kick. Ollerton has become a regular in his side since Lucchesi's departure to the U.S.A. and Gary Ward's injury.

McMillan netted his second goal, in the 77th minute from a disputed offside position.

But referee, Jim Fern, dismissed appeals by Lions' players and allowed the goal to stand.

Issac Farrell completed the scoring four minutes before full time, with his first touch of the ball after coming on as a substitute for his boss Ollerton.

Odzakov had a goal disallowed right on time which prevented him increasing the scoreline to 6-0.

Ollerton was full of praise for his boys after the game, and stated that following Sydney City's defeat by South Melbourne, the 1983 Championship is likely to move to Melbourne.

It must be noted that Ollerton himself was man of the match, leading his boys to their biggest triumph of the season by example.

**PRESTON:** Wilson, Opasinas, Petrovski, Jones, Todorovski, Ilioski, Odzakov, Flavell, Campbell, Ollerton (Farrell 84), McMillan.

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Beaves: McSkimmings, Vincent, Vasquez, Niven, Hogg, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden (Anderson 46), Daunt, Wright.

REFEREE: J. Fern.

CROWD: 3,000.

# ROUND UP

## BANFIELD SAVES THE SAINTS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

**ADELAIDE CITY'S** classy defender Neil Banfield nudged in an "own goal" under pressure four minutes from the end to save the Saints' bacon at St George Stadium.

Just prior to that, Les Carter glanced the ball in off the St George post with a clever placement. It looked as if the scales of justice would end up being tipped the wrong way.

But when Banfield ran back to cover for a ball Dez Marton had despatched to a very dangerous Robbie Slater the damage was done.

In the first half the

Saints created three magnificent chances. The crossbar (twice) and goalkeeper Willie McNally denied them reward just when they seemed inevitable.

As early as the sixth minute, winger Dez Marton blasted one on to the bar. The pipework held firm had it been timber it would have completely shattered.



Neil Banfield

Then in the 31st minute Peter Stone cracked one from 25 metres. McNally earned a round of applause with a catlike leap and a marvellous catch.

And again right on half time St George's luck deserted them. Robert O'Shea's right footer struck the bar.

So Saints were desperately unlucky even though Banfield let them off the hook.

Having said that, it was a still a very gutsy performance from an Adelaide team which has made 100 per cent improvement since earlier in the year.

They did create chances although none of them had the spectacular quantity that distinguished the Saints' efforts.

At one stage Joe Mullen and Carter could not settle almost in the goal area; Charlie Villani's shot was saved by in form Mike Fraser and Peter Rankin jinked his way through with style.

Right on half time Mullen drove over from a Sergio Melta pass with an open goal ahead.

And at the end Fraser, deputising for the injured Terry Greedy, brilliantly saved from Glen Dods.

Best for the Saints on the day was Slater, who gave a polished performance throughout.

He did so well that it is difficult indeed to see how he missed out on Mexico and the World Youth finals.

**ST GEORGE:** Fraser, Skeen, R.O'Shea, Petkovski, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Wilkinson, J.O'Shea, Marton.

Adelaide City: McNally, Cole (Shillabeer 53), Dods, Banfield, Flounders, Melta, Blair, Carter, Mullen, Rankin, Villani.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic.  
CROWD: 5,682 (Doub-le header).

dazzling his marker, and lobbed a great ball into the middle. Goal-sniffer Jamie Paton, despite having Liddell in his back, raced to the ball and hooked a shot to the far side of the goal.

City had a great opportunity to equalise in the 29th minute when Boland made his only mistake of the game by missing a high cross from the left. Luciano Fabrizio, improving with each game, raced in with an open goal at his mercy, but his powerful shot rocked the upright.

**BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart, Caird, Perry, Liddell, Wilkinson, Pimblett, Williamson (Falco 62nd), Fabrizio, Hamilton, Bromfield, Glockner.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Boland, McDowell, Kyriakoulas, Purdie, Tutill, Belic, Taylor, O'Donnell, Curovic, Carroll, Paton.

REFEREE: Bill Monteverde.

CROWD: About 2,200.



John Bradley (Leichhardt) has the ball but Ricky Budini of Marconi rushes in to tackle at St George Stadium.

## THE ITALIAN CHAMPIONS

BY TOM ANDERSON.

**LEICHHARDT** are now "cock o' the walk" and undisputed champions of the Italian Soccer community in Australia.

The Lambert Park team retained their title in magnificent style when they downed rivals Marconi 2-0 in a highly entertaining tussle at St George Stadium.

It was like the Apia of old as this brilliant young team surged forward and gave total commitment to their club and coach.

This is the sort of stuff that will bring the missing thousands back through the turnstiles — it was magnificent, highly entertaining fare.

There was not a weak link in the Leichhardt line-up with every player a hero.

A great deal of publicity has been given this season to other young players in the NSL and Leichhardt's youngsters have tended to be overlooked.

But if there are any better and more promising than Ian Gray, Paul Carter and Mark Brown in the competition, I have yet to see them.

Also the shy and reserved Bobby Parkes in the Leichhardt goal had a day that neither he nor the Marconi frowards will forget in a hurry.

Parkes never put a finger wrong — goalkeeping at its best.

But it takes two to make a contest and Marconi played its part and can hold its head high.

The Fairfielders were gallant in defeat and the only problem they had was that they met a better team on the day.

Leichhardt grabbed the lead in the 22nd minute when Bertie Mariani hit home a penalty after John Bradley had been downed in the penalty area by Ricky Boudini.

How sweet this goal was for Bertie after being dumped by Marconi at the start of the season.

The second came in the 41st minute when John Bradley was on hand to stick the ball into the net from 10 metres following a shot-cum-cross from Paul Carter.

With Peter Tredinnick and Terry Butler working hard in midfield Leichhardt were never in danger after this.

It was the most enjoyable game I've watched this season. Congratulations to both teams and their coaches.

Leichhardt weren't the only winners — Soccer in general joined them.

**LEICHHARDT:** Parkes; Carter, Bertogna, Mariani, Brown; Gray, Butler, Tredinnick; Bradley, Morsello, Sharne.

**MARCONI:** James; Bozanic, Henderson, Budini, Rizzotto (Licata 28); McCulloch, Sermanni, Carbone; Djordevic, Brown, Jankovics.

REFEREE: Tony Boskovic.

CROWD: 5,682.





## OLYMPIC UNLUCKY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

A much improved Sydney Olympic, under new boss, former Australian World Cup iron man, Manfred Schaefer, were defeated by Newcastle KB 0-1 at the St George Stadium.

After turmoils of recent weeks with Olympic supporters dissatisfied with former manager, Tommy Docherty, Schaefer came in cold to take over the reins of a much demoralised team.

Schaefer made more changes than he really wanted to with his new team.

Martyn Rogers and Steve Paterson were both unavailable for selection, and both are Sydney Olympic's top performers. Young George Akoutas was promoted to right back, Graham Jennings pushed up front on the left, Mark Koussas at central striker and Mike Coady swung across to left back.

Although Sydney Olympic attacked from the outset, it was in fact Newcastle who almost scored first.

In the eighth minute, David Lowe crossed from the right flank to the back post, but Bob Mountford was wide with his header.

Newcastle's chief architect, Joe Senkalski, was always well shut-down by Gary Phillips which nullified Newcastle's forward plans and the onus now fell on Craig Mason.

Olympic's Jimmy Patikas and Peter Katholos, both



Craig Mason climbs to head for KB but Sydney Olympic's Jim Patikas also has his eye on that ball.

made strong breaks into the Newcastle box but failed to hit the target as Newcastle crowded their box in retreat superbly.

In the 67th minute, Patikas missed a glorious chance when he volleyed over the cross bar from 15 metres out following a Katholos free-kick. But Katholos also missed the target five minutes later, when his powerful shot was deflected over the cross-bar by a defender's boot.

Newcastle coach, Kenny Kaiser, brought on David Jones in the 73rd minute and he was instantly booked by referee, Peter Rampley for coming onto the pitch before being waved on. Just three minutes later, Jones had the last laugh as he scored the winner.

Joe Senkalski, so well shut down all match by Phil Lips, got free for one second, knocked a magnificently measured pass out wide to the left to find Jones with stacks of space. Jones coolly moved into the ball with a beautiful left footed shot from 15 metres out, to slot into the right hand corner of Olympic's net.

Best performers for Newcastle were strikers David Lowe and Grant Lee, plus goalkeeper, Clint Gosling. Sydney Olympic was best served by Jennings, skipper, Marshall Soper, Patikas and Coady.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Akoutas, Dakos, Herbert, Coady (Patalis 72nd): Phillips, Patikas, Katholos: Koussas, Soper, Jennings.

NEWCASTLE KB: Gosling: Kerby, Burke, Watson, Tredinnick: Buckley (Jones 73rd), Senkalski, Mason: Lee, Mountford, Lowe.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 3,214.

## THOMSON SAYS 'HOPES SLIM'

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

**SOUTH MELBOURNE put an end to Sydney City's championship aspirations, with a hard fought 3-2 victory at Middle Park.**

Even coach, Eddie Thomson, admitted after the match: "City's chances of winning the fourth title are extremely slim after Sunday's loss of three points, because Preston have established a six point lead, after their triumph over Brisbane Lions."

Re born South Melbourne striker, Doug Brown, ended City's relentless sprint to the top with a perfectly executed goal four minutes before full time.

Brown beat O'Connor on a run inside the box and placed the ball into the net wide of Pezzano's reach.

A reshuffled South Melbourne team, opened up at a fierce pace and soon had City under siege.

McKendry was forced to make a few changes in his winning side to accommodate for losses of Os-

car Crino through a week's suspension and Steve Wooddin through injury.

McKendry lifted veteran striker, Branko Buljevic from moth balls and assigned him left wing duties and pushed Murphy back into the midfield aiming at the formation of a solid midfield combination of Murphy, Halford and Davidson.

The shuffle proved successful as Souths dominated City throughout the first half and created chances galore.

Buljevic shot Souths to the lead after 15 minutes with a well taken shot from close range from a Pezzano deflection of the ball.

Immediately after, referee Chris Bambridge ordered City's coach Eddie Thomson to leave the bench apparently for abusive language.

SLICKERS' LAST CHANCE GONE

Diminutive midfielder, Joe Watson, levelled the score in the 63rd minute, turning into the net a short cross by Gerardo Gomez from inside the penalty area.

With City gaining momentum, South's defenders lived through some agonising moments and had to work overtime to contain Soccerroo skipper, John Kosmina and live wire Willie Murray.

Doug Brown became the hero for Melbourne supporters by scoring the

winning goal four minutes from the end.

Egan broke through the middle and fed Brown with a perfect ball which Brown converted from close range.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** Laumets: Russell, Blair, Xanthopoulos, Davidson, Halford, Murphy, Yzendoorn, Egan, Brown, Buljevic.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Pezzano, Souness, O'Connor, Robertson, Cant, Mullen, Watson, Kay, Gomez, Kosmina, Murray.

**REFEREE:** C. Bambridge.

**CROWD:** 6,000.

## HONEYMAN'S EQUALISER

BY TOM McKAIN

**WEST ADELAIDE came from two goals down to rock Canberra with a 2-2 draw in the wind and rain-swept Hindmarsh Stadium.**

And it was coach, Alan Vest's ploy of using striker, Graham Honeyman, as a supersub which brought the equaliser — although he left it late, scoring in the 85th minute.

But back to the 44th minute when disaster struck Wests.

Steve Atsalas who had been playing as an attacking midfielder, doubled back on the Canberra left to get out of trouble inside his own half.

It didn't work and he was robbed by Terry Byrne who sent over a neat cross which Frank Farina flicked past goal keeper, Gary Sproul.

Then in the 55th minute, with Honeyman on for young midfielder, Theo Stamatelopoulos, Canberra struck again.

With three men running in on the left waiting for a Duncan Cole pass, he fooled everyone with a fierce shot which went over Sproul and into the net in the 55th minute.

It looked all over for Wests who had not scored in four games.

However striker, Tim Brown, had other ideas when he headed past Canberra goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski, two minutes later from a cross by Honeyman.

Then it was Honeyman's turn.

Big Robbie Dunn, once again sent up from centre back in the dying stages to act as a target man, cut the ball back for Honeyman who charged in to crack the equaliser

from an acute angle.

While Wests can claim they should have sewn up the game in the first half but for their usual inaccurate finishing, Canberra must be given some sympathy. Only Sproul stood between what looked like certain goals from Farina.

And West hearts were bleeding when Graham Heys, Mickey Brennan, Brown and David Dorne were thwarted by Hoszowski.

It was ironic that West midfielder, Brennan, who had been suspended for three weeks by the club, after an altercation with supporters who had abused him, emerged as one of the home heroes.

As acting captain, with Honeyman starting from the bench, fans were chanting Brennan's name in the first half as he bored his way through the Canberra midfield and defence.

Steve Bryant looked the part for Canberra as the main aggressor with Farina always a danger, but handicapped by the atrocious heavy pitch.

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Sproul: Papazoglou, Aney, Dunn, Hiern, Dorne, Atsalas, Heys, Stamatelopoulos (Honeyman 46), Brennan, Brown.

**CANBERRA:** Hoszowski: Young, Walsh, Ambrosino, Murray, Byrne, Stone, Farina, Cole, Brennan, Bryant.

**REFEREE:** M. Browning.  
**CROWD:** 826.

BY PHIL MURPHY

**WOLLONGONG CITY and Heidelberg probably set some kind of record when they battled out a scoreless draw at Ziems Park.**

In the 90 minutes, the only full blooded shot which was on target came from Wollongong full-back, Peter Willis.

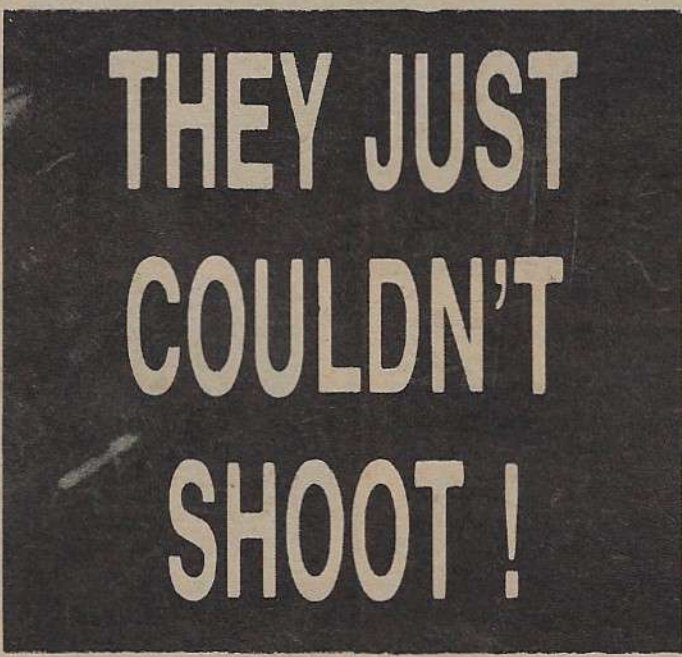
Willis sent in a good drive from 25 metres just after half-time but Heidelberg goal keeper, Jeff Olver made an equally good save.

Olver and his opposite number, Natch Vardareff, didn't have a lot to do in a game, which was confined to midfield for long periods.

Playing their first game since the sacking of coach, Ken Morton, Heidelberg were tentative and their attack never looked like scoring against the tight Wollongong defence.

Ray Vlietstra always looked to have the better of Gary Cole, and overall the home team showed a little more purpose in midfield.

"We didn't win, but I was pleased that the



players battled on for the full 90 minutes after last week's poor performance against Footscray," City's coach, Willie Wallace said after the game.

Jim McBroom returned to Wollongong's midfield and looked a lot more aggressive than in previous appearances, while Larry Gaffney also got through a lot of work.

Phil O'Connor gave Heidelberg a few anxious moments with his speed and control but obviously missed the support of suspended striker, Roy Cotton.

Young strikers, Scott Dickson and David Green, never stopped trying but are still learning what NSL football is all about.

Jim Tansey was the

pick of the Melbourne team's defence while Charlie Yankos also stood out: in midfield, John Spanos got through his share of work.

Heidelberg put a bit of pressure on Wollongong towards the end but never looked to have the strike-power necessary to create the gaps.

**WOLLONGONG CITY:** Vardareff: Willis, Dunleavy, Vlietstra, Pollard: Gaffney, McBreen, Ainsworth, Dickson, Green, O'Connor.

**HEIDELBERG UNITED:** Olver: McKie, Yankos, Tansey, Selemidis, Spanos, Valentine, Campbell, Petersen, Lea, Cole.

**REFEREE:** Gary Power.  
**CROWD:** 1,031.



## READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to: The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

## THOSE FANS

LOOK MATE, Lambert Park is not the only ground that had to put up with those that we call skinheads. They were at Gosford when KB United played Sydney City. They tried to cause trouble but our supporters did not take the bait. Their language was disgusting and every time they opened a can of beer they shook it up and sprayed it everywhere. So can you let the Leichhardt club know they were not the only ones that had to put up with that rubbish?

While on the subject, Sydney Olympic supporters are downright rude and disgusting. They spit on you and abuse you in their own language. One year when David Lowe was made man of the match, the officials had to escort him from the dressing room. Those supporters stoned the poor kid. These are just mild things that happened.

I have been to Adelaide, Melbourne, Wollongong, Sydney and Brisbane to watch NSL Soccer. The worst supporters I have seen were South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic. I am a woman of 60 years of age and I think their behaviour disgusting.

Lesley James,  
WARATAH WEST.

## MORE FANS

I FEEL I must write regarding Tom Anderson's comments in a certain daily paper and your own ASW about the unfortunate incident at the Leichhardt v Sydney City game.

My wife and I attended the game and as we are City fans and were shouting for City we were continuously hassled and sworn at and were forced to move positions no fewer than four times.

Because of my Scottish accent I was also jibed about being a Scot, and to be polite, there were doubts of my parents' marital status! If I'm not mistaken, and to quote T.A., "This was racism in Soccer."

The only time in the game we felt safe was when we were near his so-called loud City fans. These boys were also continuously intimidated and slandered for cheering on City.

I'm not condoning what happened AFTER the game, but what ruined the game for us were his "blameless" Leichhardt fans.

After all, we were disrupted DURING the game and not after the game when he reckons it was ruined for the fans. It takes two to tango, and remember the Leichhardt fans were not supposed to be on the playing field either.

Alan Magee,  
RANDWICK.

## BOVVER!

THE REPORT (by Tom Anderson) of the recent Sydney City v Leichhardt match (21/8/83) was, to say the least, biased and demonstrated a lack of intestinal fortitude, or as we Australians say GUTS.

Mr Anderson reports that a handful of Sydney City supporters — THE BOVVER BOYS — "in cited around 200 Leichhardt supporters into a near riot with their abusive language and taunts of wogs."

The Bovver Boys are proud Sydney City supporters who have been regulars at the championships' matches in the past couple of seasons — without a hint of trouble. Last Sunday they very proudly and courageously supported their team and after the game they assembled outside the change rooms to show their approval as they always do.

Leichhardt supporters obviously resented this intrusion of their territory and reacted accordingly. In criticising the Bovver Boys, Mr Anderson has completely ignored the character of the Leichhardt crowd. During the afternoon spectators spat at linesmen and opposing players, obstacles were thrown on the pitch, and players and officials were abused, harassed, threatened with violence and vulgarity. The atmosphere was one of acute anxiety.

Spitting on a person is the lowest and most gutless form of personal abuse, but appears to be acceptable amongst some people. Mr Anderson uses the comment "RACISM IN SOCCER." Well this act is one that a true blue Aussie would hardly support — such cowardice is not the Australian way. And Gerardo Gomez certainly copied his share of racist comments.

Australian Soccer is a racist-orientated sport and as a result will never be fully accepted in this country. Most Australians just could not accept such behaviour and therefore would not introduce their children to it by attending Soccer matches.

Proud Fan,  
SYDNEY.

## THE LOUTS

AS a keen Sydney Olympic fan I was naturally disappointed to see Olympic lose to Brisbane City at St. George Stadium, but the loutish behaviour of a couple of hundred so-called Olympic supporters was disgusting. I was even more sickened to hear that Steve Paterson, in my opinion Olympic's best player, had burst into tears during the half-time interval, and had requested not to take the field for the second half, because of the treatment he had been receiving

from the "fans."

As it now seems likely that Tommy Docherty and Steve Paterson will be leaving the club, I would like to thank them both for their effort and hope that at their next club they will find a better bunch of "supporters".

J. Stanfield,  
RYDE.

## RED CARD

AFTER reading Peter Sharne's article on Soccer I must agree with him; the standard of the game has deteriorated and is it any wonder that attendances have dropped? It's good to see Peter back.

The week before last we had our local derby Lions v Brisbane City and the referee gave out seven yellow cards and he reckons the language of the players was shocking. Why doesn't he set an example and put a few players off? That same referee also had control of two other matches when players actually were ill-treated. Two finished in hospital.

Is it any wonder that most of the Southern clubs don't like playing up here unless they have a neutral referee?

One of the most disgusting scenes I have seen in Soccer here in Brisbane happened before Grange Thistle took the field against Olympic. An official called out to his players "Kill, Kill, Kill." If that's sportsmanship, how about another supporter who yelled out "give him a Band Aid" when Mark McNaughton was carried off with a badly broken ankle, and may never play again?

That lad Mark McNaughton to me was not only captain of Olympic but a gentleman and a sportsman.

Soccer at the moment here puts me in mind of the Les Boyd incident.

Soccer is still called a sport and a man's game — nobody wants to see players wrapped up in cotton wool.

Sam McGregor,  
Inala, 4077.  
BRISBANE.

## TOP TEAM

AS you know the Northern NSW and Qld State Leagues have been abandoned due to lack of sponsors, so all the players with Merrimac International on the Gold Coast, are either English, Scottish, and a few Australians and at one time or another have played pro Soccer overseas, or State or NSL here.

We did not lose one game last season in which we took out three trophies. This season we have already won two trophies plus we have already won the league by six points with two games to go. I don't know what the club has to do to get some recognition from the papers on the Gold Coast. Could you possibly see it in your power for a piece or a photo of the team in the Qld section of Soccer Weekly?

Ardent Fan,  
Merrimac Soccer Club,  
Gold Coast.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Send ASW your story and picture and we'll do our best.



THE SCORN being shown on Olympic striker Steve Paterson, and the spitting abuse from fans, is similar to that of the treatment suffered by West Adelaide's Paul Wormley.

The big striker was "unloaded" by the Greek backed club after fans picked on him and pushed for a "Greek" striker to replace him — George Calandaris or George Konstandopoulos.

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WHEN St George's Dez Marton suffered a loss of form a few weeks ago, some critics suggested Marton was over the hill and ready to retire.

What age is he? "He's not getting any younger, but I'd say Dez is only about 40," said Saints coach Frank Arok.

"He's young enough to start planning for the 1984 season when I might move the old man back to midfield," added Arok. "He's strong and cheeky and tricky — what's more he gets important goals for St George."

That assessment of a very young player comes from one of the shrewdest judges in the game.

The speaker was Frank Arok, St George coach. He was discussing his 16 year old striker Peter Petkovski.



Peter Petkovski

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WOLLONGONG City youth coach Wally Miller is back after a six week holiday in Scotland.

His team gave him a great welcome home present a 2-1 win over the strong St George youth side.

While he was in Scotland Miller watched a number of games and visited Parkhead to watch Celtic training.

He went to Parkhead with a letter of introduction from Willie Wallace and said he received the "royal" treatment.

He met Celtic's new manager David Hay and feels he learned a lot from just the one training session.

MARTIN ROYAL, for so many years the ABC's "Mr Soccer," is spending a year in his home country, England.

Martin wrote to ASW Editor David Jack to say he is settling in well at Haslehurst in Surrey and meeting many of his old mates and relations.

He hopes to see plenty of top Soccer around the London area and says: "I must make a pilgrimage to watch my home town team, Watford."

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THE coaches of two National League clubs compared notes last week.

Coach number one said: "I've had two bouncing pay cheques from my club in the past few weeks."

What makes the story even more significant is that the clubs involved are not regarded as NSL paupers. Who knows how serious the financial position is in other clubs which do admit to huge debts?

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LARRY Gaffney can be excused for feeling a little bit older than he actually is.

The Wollongong City midfielder is constantly reminded by team mates Ray Vlietstra and Phil Kerr he coached them when they were juniors.

What really hurts is that Vlietstra was in under 11's at the time and Kerr was actually playing under nines.

"Taught them most of what they know about the game and I'm still teaching them on the field in NSL matches this season," Gaffney quipped.

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NO ONE was happier that Adelaide City football director Frank O'Shea when he heard about Socceroo David Mitchell's success with Glasgow Rangers.

The former City and Sydney City star's family lives in Adelaide, and before the youngster took off for Scotland he promised O'Shea he would consider Adelaide as a guest base during the British close season next year.

"We would have Mitchell as a guest any time, but if he makes it as a star it would be a bonus," said O'Shea.

MARCONI coach Doug Collins hasn't a clue where he'll be coaching next season and he admits it's "a very unsatisfactory situation."

Collins believes his coaching of the young Marconi side this year has been the best job he's done in Soccer.

"With untried youngsters and a few over the hill players, I thought we'd be struggling for survival but I put my faith in the kids and they've come up trumps," said Collins.

"If I can fill one or two problem positions, the future at Marconi must be bright."

But will Doug Collins be a part of that future?

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WITH one of the worst away records in the NSL, Leichhardt are becoming known as home team specialists.

Away from home, they've had only two wins in nine games but they're still in the top half of the table.

Coach Fil Bottalico welcomed the chance of a game last Sunday at St George Stadium. "Everybody claims we can't play when we leave Lambert Park," said Bottalico, "and I wanted to prove they are wrong."



MARK PULLEN of Leichhardt, who has been hit by more than his share of injuries this season, is again back in training.

Pullen could be in action soon, though his team-mate at Lambert Park, Bas Giampaolo, is apparently written off till 1984.

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CANBERRA Arrows must regard English imports Steve Bryant and John Walsh as manna from heaven. Both walked in off the street and offered their services — Bryant midway through last season, Walsh at the start of this.

And they have made a huge impression — with at least one Adelaide club listing Bryant high on their 1984 shopping list.

It is Bryant who has been the major success although in recent weeks Walsh seems to have established a back four position as his own.

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WATCH for Paul Shillabeer as a future star for Adelaide City.

In and out of the team as a reserve defender, he again came in from the cold of SA State League Second Division and slotted in to captain Bugsy Nyskohus' full back berth with ease against South Melbourne.

He is certain to be on coach Bobby Ferguson's "retained" list.

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WHACKERS are born every day, and it appears Marconi have a good one in their NSL squad.

In their recent Wollongong clash, this "Whacker" decided he would get stuck into midfielder, Larry Gaffney.

A word of advice to our friend from Marconi, Gaffney does boxing as a second sport.



Martyn Crook

IT'S KNOWN that Sydney folk don't rate the Adelaide teams very highly, but one Sunday newspaper journalist could at least get the names of the players right.

He referred to West goalkeeper Gary Sproul as Martyn Crook in his last report on the 0-0 draw with Sydney City.

Crook hasn't played for West for weeks Sproul was not amused.

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AND FANS — and other coaches and officials — have been quick to notice their talents. In the latest Arrows' player of the year Bryant is way, way out in front followed by Andrew Young, Steve Hoszowski, Jim Murray and then Walsh.

And as to Bryant's ability at grabbing goals his eight so far this season (not including Sunday, is far and away the club's best.



# GAME AND MATCH TO THE NSW GIRLS

**W.A. OPPOSED Nthn. NSW in the opening game of the Australian Women's Soccer championships held in Perth**

They constantly took the attack into Northern's penalty area and were rewarded in the 13th minute when Sandra Brentnall placed a ball right into Nthn NSW's goal area. Toni McMahon moved to her right but the ball was deflected off her right back into the goal.

Judy Pettit of WA scored in the fourth minute of the second half when she chipped the ball over the advancing keeper.

Julie Dolan of the Nthn NSW side scored after a weaving run in the 12th minute of the second half. Sth Qld had little difficulty in disposing of a young enthusiastic Victoria in the second game.

Seemingly to play at little over three quarter pace, Sth Queensland scored four goals against a side that contained seven Under 16 players.

A greatly improved Nthn Territory played Tasmania in the first night game.

Lee Lacey of the Territory scored first in the 26th minute to be followed four minutes later by Gracia Decastro sending in a good header.

Just before half time, Stanfield of Tasmania sent a good cross ball over for Radar to score.

In the final match of the day, NSW were not allowed to settle in the first half when they met a bustling ACT.

Just before half time, Cindy Heydon scored from a penalty kick.

Three minutes into the second half, Bradley crossed a ball from the left wing for J. Porter to put away.

Shortly afterwards, Porter scored her second goal under similar circumstances.

NSW's final goal came from a long lofted cross from Heydon to Wardell who headed home.

Day two of the titles saw the young Victorian side take on NSW.

It was not until the 12th minute that NSW were able to clear away from the tactics of Victoria and score their first goal by Carol Vinson.

A free kick by Andrea Martin, the Victorian captain, was taken from 30 metres out. It was perfectly judged and floated in under the bar with keeper Hudson stretching high for it.

NSW's third goal came when Vinson lobbed a ball over the Victorian keeper's head.

Kim Lembryk came off the bench at this stage and immediately created an opening for Heydon to score.

A push by a Victorian defender in the penalty box saw Heydon catch Therese Jones, the keeper for Victoria, moving the wrong way for NSW's fifth and final goal.

In the following game,

Sth Queensland played Nthn Territory.

Sue Monteath scored

## AWSA AGENDA

**THE Annual General Meeting of the Australian Women's Soccer Association was held in Perth on August 23, 1983**

Elaine Watson was elected as president for the sixth consecutive year.

Alan Hampton of Nthn NSW, who was elected as vice-president last year, lost his position to Barry Powell of Tasmania.

Betty Hoar of Victoria, Irene Sneyd of Nthn NSW and Don Balmain of NSW retained their positions of secretary, treasurer and public relations officer.

Four candidates sought the position of registrar but after an exhaustive ballot, Heather Reid of the ACT obtained the position.

South Australia and Nth Queensland were both heavily censured for their non-attendance at the championships. States not attending in future will be severely fined.

Before the games, the Lord Mayor of Perth, Ald. M.J. Michaels provided a civic reception for visiting teams and officials.

Sth Qld's first goal in the 15th minute when she lofted a ball past the keeper.

Lanie Thorn was rewarded for her determined efforts when she scored Sth Qld's second goal in what was an uneventful half.

Soon after the start of the second half Sharon Wass took the ball down the left side and slammed a fine shot home.

Although the Territorians were constantly there to interrupt the flowing movements of the Sth Queensland forwards, it did not prevent Kerry Millman from firing in the final goal for her side in the closing minutes.

ACT did not seem to have the fire that they showed in their previous game against NSW when they contested Nthn NSW.

The Northern side was untroubled to defeat ACT, 7-0.

Scorers for Nthn NSW were Penny Miller 3, Karen Menzies 2, Renaye Iserif 2.

Although WA won their match against Tasmania, 4-0, one could wonder if both teams were not on a

training run instead of playing in the Australian Championships.

With the young Tasmanians chasing the ball all over the park, the Westerners merely went through the motions.

Alison Boland for WA was well served from the right field for the first goal at the 20 minute mark.

Australia player, Sandra Brentnall, from WA took a superb free kick from well outside the penalty box to place the ball in the top of the Tasmanian net.

Lyn Egan collected a good cross ball to notch up the third goal for WA.

The final goal was scored by Sharon Mateljan when it was fumbled over the line by the Tasmanian keeper.

Lisa Didiiovanni's shot was just wide of the Nthn NSW goal in the first five minutes of the game on the third day of play when Tasmania played Nth NSW.

Two minutes later, Renaye Iserif forced her way through the bunched defenders to bring up Northern's first goal.

She repeated the dose halfway through the first period when she dipped and weaved her way through to powerfully drive her shot home.

Tasmania fought back when they received a free kick just before the interval.

Lisa Radar goaled to make the score 2-1 at half time.

Nine minutes into the half, veteran player Nthn NSW, Julie Dolan, received a ball from a corner kick and made no mistake in despatching it for Northern's third goal.

Karen Menzies took the ball through on the left side and lofted it over the Tasmanian keeper's head to mark up the fourth goal for the Northerners.

Minutes before the end of the game, Iserif put the seal on the match by blasting goal number five past the hapless keeper.

Without Andrea Martin playing as centre back, it is doubtful if Victoria could have got on top of ACT in the second game of the day.

In the 15th minute, Andy Martin took a free kick which hit the top bar and bounced down inside the goal.

Just before half-time, Isobell Kelly drove a beautiful shot from the penalty line past the Victorian keeper to make the scorers even at the break.

Well into the second half with both sides mixing it and not giving anything away, Andrea Martin received her second free kick and turned it into goal number two for Victoria.

The final score was 2-1. NSW romped through their game with the Nthn Territory.



Just a few NSW faces - Above: Julie Dolan, Right: Cindy Heydon and below: (white shirt) Julie Porter.



Chris Bradley opened the flood gates with a penalty kick.

She was followed with goals by Leigh Wardell 2, Michelle Warburton and Julie Porter 1 each.

Highlight of the match was when young Kym Whitcombe, yet to turn 15, came on as a replacement and scored her first goal seconds after she appeared. She scored her second soon after with a good header.

The final game of the day was played between title holders, Sth Qld and WA.

Both sides trooped off the field at half-time having played their hearts out but still with a 0-0 score line.

The second half was a mirror of the first. Both sides came out determined to get on top but despite sterling work from Donelle Smith and Sandra Brentnall from WA and the wholehearted midfield defence from Sharon Wass, (SQ), the score remained the same at the conclusion.

Day four saw interesting results. Northern Territory took on luckless ACT in the first game of the day and in the first five minutes, Kim Wheatley of Territory scored when she curved a ball over Karen Singer's head.

In the second half, Decastro swerved a ball past the Canberra keeper's hand to make the final



On the fifth day, Western Australia had to wait until the 20th minute for their first score when Sandra Brentnall placed a penalty past ACT's keeper, Singer.

In the 30th minute, Sharon Mateljan snapped up a good pass from teammate Brentnall to fire goal number three past the Canberra keeper.

The following game was a complete annihilation of Tasmania by NSW rapidly hitting top form.

The Waratah team scored at will and were 5-

**A FULL DAY  
BY DAY REPORT  
FROM ASW's  
DON BALMAIN  
OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN  
WOMENS SOCCER  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**



## Women in Soccer

By Don Balmain

0 up at half time.

The dose was repeated in the second half with six goals being added.

Scorers were J. Porter, Van Bruinessen, Fitzpatrick, Heydon one each and Leigh Wardell with a hat-trick, Lembryk (2) and Whitcombe (2).

Northern Territory proved the superior side when they defeated Victoria on the fifth day, 2-0.

Gracia Decastro scored first in the opening half. Twenty minutes into the second half, Dee Pollock crossed a ball from the right wing for Sam Drew to score.

After a scoreless first half, the Queenslanders showed their superior team work and better fitness in the second half.

Lynn Geddes received a perfectly timed pass from Monteath to belt home a goal past Northern's keeper McMahon.

This was the only score in the game and set the scene for the conflict between NSW and Sth Qld.

In the second last day of the tournament, bottom contenders, Tasmania and ACT took the field in the first game.

Francine Dwyer of Tasmania scored in the third minute, Glenda Hall, of ACT replied with a shot over the Tasmanian keeper's head to even the score in the 10th minute.

Lisa Digiovanni and Lisa Radar of Tasmania scored twice more in the match which Tasmania took out, 5-1.

Nthn Territory played Nthn NSW in the second game in which Territory held Northern to a scoreless first half.

With the NT girls breaking up Northern's attack, it was left to Iserif to score both goals for their 2-0 win.

Western Australia had little difficulty in despatching a Victorian side with injury problems.

They won the match 4-0 with Judy Pettitt scoring three and Sandra Brentnall, one.

The awaited clash between the cup holders, Sth Qld, and NSW was a thriller from start to finish.

Two minutes before half time, it looked like being a scoreless half until Cheryl Spencer put one in from the corner. For Qld.

Two minutes into the second half, Cindy Heydon floated a corner kick across for Porter to put away. Five minutes later Heydon took another corner and scored from it.

With NSW 2-1 up and time fast running out, Sth Qld collected a free kick near the side-line a dipping ball allowed Leanne Priestley to slot it past the keeper.

The very entertaining game finished in a 2-2 draw.

On the final day of the tournament, Tasmania was always on top to defeat Victoria 2-0 in the first game.

Nthn Territory was able to hold Western Australia for 23 minutes before Brentnall broke clear and registered, WA's first goal. From there on, it was a procession with Rosebury, Brentnall, Pettitt and Bowland scoring. The game was won by WA 5-0. Nthn NSW played NSW.

In the final game of the championships and NSW went one up in the 4th minute when Lembryk forced her way through to score.

Just before half time, Northern replied when Templeton pounced on the ball that keeper Vicki Salmons for NSW had parried away to level the score.

NSW had many attempts at goal but could not get the ball into the net until Carol Vinson, playing on the right wing, was able to finish off a good movement and score.

Despite frenzied attempts by Julie Dolan to force her way through.

The strong NSW defence, Vicki Dean and Rose Van Bruinessen held the line well and continually cleared away.

The game concluded with NSW winning the Australian championship trophy for the 1983 tournament 2-1.





**KILLARNEY HEIGHTS U/11A TEAM**

Back Row (from left): Simon Rose, Tim Gabbott, Greg Small, Ben Mortimer, Glenn Duhigg, Mike Saywell, Roger Cooper, Chris Sarkissian. Front: Paul Walton, Matthew Stafford, Justin Smith, Akira Yamasaki.

## SOCCER: BE IN IT

# 'CATERPILLARS TURN INTO BUTTERFLIES'

BY TERRY SMITH

IF THERE are 449,000 junior Soccer players in Australia, there must be about 40,000 coaches. I'm proud to be one of them.

At the moment, it all seems like a beautiful dream. I don't want to

wake up.

My Killarney Heights 11A team in the Manly-Warringah district has won the 11/2 competition by seven points, the semi-final 5-0 and the final 3-0.

We were the only team in the club to win a final, and coupled with an unbeaten record, we just had to get the big cup that goes to the club's No 1 team.

Ten of our 12 players scored at least one goal, the achievement that pleases me most. It spells team-work, and I doubt if any other team in Sydney can top it.

Even our goalie Glenn Duhigg popped one in. Greg Small, our captain, got 32 to help us to a 73-10 goal average and be the club's top scorer.

Yet as the boys collected a swag of cups, medals and pennants which in a year or two will be gathering dust on some forgotten shelf, my mind went back three years.

I had returned from a trip to Hong Kong to find that I'd been appointed coach of my son Justin's Under 9 Soccer team.

Ron Willey, my golfing partner and the man who lifted Manly-Warringah to two Rugby League premierships before coaching Balmain, Norths and

Souths, shook his greying head.

"Don't do it," he said. "It's bad for a father to coach his son's team. You can't win."

But I was lumbered. There was nobody else. Like a hunted animal, I rang Joe Vlasits, with whom I made a couple of overseas trips with Australian teams he'd coached during my days as a Soccer writer.

"No running," said Uncle Joe. "Give them lots of ball work. Teach them tricks."

Johnny Warren volunteered a few tips. David Jack gave me Pele's excellent Soccer coaching video cassette.

At first it was chaotic, but we got down to basics. We organised the defence. Players began to knock a few passes about. Selfish boys became team men.

Most of the boys spent the holidays attending Richard Alagich's Soccer camp at Cromer. The improvement in them was unbelievable. Caterpillars turned into beautiful butterflies.

We were runners-up that year, and in 1982 we were joint premiers after drawing 0-0 in the final.

Things didn't look too promising at the start of this year when another club pinched our best players.

But the picture brightened when Greg Small's parents decided to hold him over from the previous year's Under 11s to play in his proper age

group. He gave our attack the killer touch when he scored five goals in the first game.

Still, you can't please everybody.

With a squad of 13 boys, everyone had to have a turn at missing the odd half-game, but this didn't please one super sensitive soul. Upset at her son being replaced at half-time, she tearfully pulled him out of the team, stormed off and hasn't been sighted since.

Perhaps she thought we couldn't win without her son. In truth, it made us more determined and we scored 34 goals to one in the remaining seven matches.

The rest of the parents have been super. Enthusiastic, but no mad screamers who are an embarrassment to their kids and the club.

Everyone has had fun. We've had a Fathers v Sons match followed by a barbecue, and a celebration for the boys at MacDonalds after the final.

Next year we'll be losing a couple of boys to Rugby; another is going home to Japan while a fourth is moving to the Mountains where his parents have bought a little tea shop.

I'm going to miss those cold Thursday and Friday afternoons running around Killarney Oval with a great bunch of kids. They made me feel as young as a merino lamb gambolling in the pastures.

I'll never forget the joyful faces when a goal was scored. The smiles after a good win. The satisfaction of seeing one of the weaker players suddenly improve. We'll always be mates, I hope.

I'm sure the other 39,999 coaches feel the same. Most of us will be back next year.

My son is going to play Rugby with his school team in 1984, so I'll be watching him rather than coaching.

But, wait a minute, I've got another boy called Roger. He's only two, but already he kicks very strongly with his left foot. Maybe his team will be looking for a coach in 1988.



# CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

## WITH JOHNNY WARREN



**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT TEAM . . . lost 0-1 to a Southern Tasmanian Under 20 team in Hobart, Tasmania, then defeated a Northern Tasmanian Under 20 team 3-1 in Launceston on the following day.**

Back Row(L-R): McLatchey(Capt.), Jones, Franken, Salvo, Kulscar, Spink. Front Row(L-R): Andrews, Junna, White, Mihailidis, Barnett.



**SOUTHERN TASMANIA UNDER 20 TEAM . . . beat the AIS 1-0 in Hobart.**

Back Row(L-R): G. Arnott(Manager), B. Siggins(Masseur), A. Leszczynski, G. Ashwood, A. Cochrane, D. Nichols, R. Harrison, M. Richman, S. Pace, I. Cahut, C. Hey(Capt.), G. Jenkins(Coach). Front Row(L-R): N. Marino, D. Bacon, R. Fabrizio, L. Taglieri, C. Nichols, P. Furjanic, T. Robins, B. Murtagh, C. Ambrosino.

# WATSON'S CROSSES

I FOUND myself in a heated discussion as to what midfielders have stood out since the inception of the National Soccer League.

As far as I am concerned one player leaves the rest for dead . . . that's Johnny Stevenson, now playing for George Cross in the Victorian State League.

When "Meatloaf," as we knew him at Sydney City, (a name given to him because of his slender build) was at his best, he was a treat to watch and play with.

He could find his man anywhere on the field and usually with only one touch. John was a player who made it look all so easy and that is the stamp of a great player.

He had tremendous ball control and a cannon-like shot when at his best and I'm sure George Cross coach Tommy Treynor is hoping John will show these old qualities for his new club.

But what of 1984? Our game is not so endowed with players of John Stevenson's class that we can allow such a player to languish in the State League. With the National League probably being regionalised for 1984 and the probable addition of several new clubs I'm certain next year John Stevenson will be back in the limelight and playing where he belongs, in Australia's premier competition.

The meeting of our governing bodies to finalise next year's format was incredibly postponed because certain officials could not attend. It seems that the issue is not important enough. After all, it's only the future of Australian Soccer that's at stake. If officials can't find the time to attend a meeting of such monumental importance then they should bow out and let someone else with a bit more dedication take their place.

Last week, Sydney City and Australian Soccer lost one of its most dedicated administrators with the passing of Harry Lakmaker. Here was a man whose love for Soccer and Sydney City was second to none. Harry gave countless years of service to the code and his presence will be sorely missed. On behalf of myself and the Sydney City players I offer our deepest condolences to Harry's family. He will be remembered by us all.

The Minders Soccer club in Brisbane this year won the Brisbane Commercial League championship. Congratulations. I hear they have a fine team. All the best for '84.



**Joe**

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Steve Short: a vital cog in the Green Gully machine.

## GULLY IS FORGING AHEAD TO NATIONAL SELECTION

### SPITERI CONCERNED

**GREEN GULLY**, the green and whites of the St. Albans suburb of Melbourne, are heading for a hat-trick in State League championships.

They won the titles in 1981, and 82 under coach Bobby McLachlan who is

now the successful maestro of Footscray in the NSL.

Gully have played so well this year, having lost only one game, they deserve the title.

But their president, Guy Spiteri, is a little worried his club may be overlooked by the powers to be when it comes to selection for next year's National League conference.

Guy protests: "How dare they talk about other clubs like Croatia and Juventus before considering us. What more do we have to do to be recognised."

Gully are the complete professional outfit. And even when a player or two is missing through injury they still have sufficient top class reserves to fill the gap as we saw against George Cross in their away game at Anderson Road ground, Sunshine.

Gully were without player coach David Smallman through injury and without top goalkeeper Lou Denys (sprained ankle) but they still took control of this hard fought local derby which attracted nearly 4,000 fans.

It shows how good the side is and much of the credit for its success must be given to McLachlan

who built the team during the two successful years he was with them. He's now doing the same thing with Footscray.

Gully have a great player in skipper-defender Peter Lewis. He's good to watch in action and rarely puts a foot wrong.

He is tall, strong and has tremendous strength making him one of the best, if not the best defender in the state.

He gets great support from Steve Short, the former Croatia defender, and Stuart Cannell.

Up front there can be few players who can boast the scoring ability of Paul Lewis who has scored 23 goals in 21 games this year and is the State League's leading sharpshooter.

The NSL executive cannot afford to leave this fine side out of their calculations for their Conference next year.

The club has a first class ground, social rooms and a first class committee.

It can truly be said that Green Gully is going places.

## DEAK' IS TOP BEAK

**DEAKIN University** is top of the class in Soccer.

And the man to thank is veteran goalkeeper-coach John Slade.

Deakin has just won the Western district Soccer Association League

championship for 1983.

John was elated this week.

"I'm so proud," he said. "This is Deakin's first title since its inception in

to the league six years ago, although they have been runners up twice previously, 1980, 1982."

John is goalkeeper of the A side and also coach. He was well known for his goalkeeping in Melbourne some years back when he played for Hakoah and Box Hill before moving to Bell Park, near Geelong.

During the 18-game season, Deakin scored more than 60 goals and conceded only 13. They lost only one game to Breakwater Eagles.

Major goalscorers were Everett Nelson 19, Niel Plummer 13, and Craig Plummer 15.

The championship squad consisted of John Slade, Darren Nelson, Mal Jobson, Chris Stokes, Gus Macak, Niel Plummer, Craig Plummer, Ernie Tench, Gordon Wallace, Mike Alexander, Everett Nelson, Mark Felber, Che Yap, Peter Lee and Alex Chodan.

The team was ably supported by club men Frank Sullivan, Geoff Temple, Morgan McAllinden, John Newton, John Fellos and Ken Dunne.

The WDSA League consists of 10 teams: Deakin A and B, Geelong United, Geelong, Breakwater, Corio United, Geelong West United and Northern Suburbs.

Deakin has the best playing surface for any Soccer ground in Geelong, excellent amenities and flood lighting for training.

Eight Deakin players represented the WDSA during the Victorian Country Championships and the Geelong Advertiser Cup.

## HOW TO SUCCEED WITHOUT TRYING



**STAR Melbourne Croatia winger Tommy Cumming** will be the first to admit he hardly touched the ball in the State League game against George Cross.

But the mystery is he received two votes in a local Soccer newspaper's award for a trip to Singapore at the end of the season.

The reason Tommy, the 'Mighty Little Atom', didn't see much of the ball because he was so closely marked.

Whenever teams play against Croatia these days, one man — and sometimes two — are instructed by the opposing coach to make sure the Little Atom doesn't explode in front of goal.

And that is exactly what coach Tommy Traynor instructed his George Cross defenders to do on this occasion.

Croatia won by the only goal scored, but if Tommy hadn't been so closely marked there is no doubt they would have won by more.

In the match report of the game in the same local Soccer paper, Tommy's name wasn't mentioned.

But he did get the second highest vote.

Tommy is runner-up in the competition to Steve Moore, of Northcote City.

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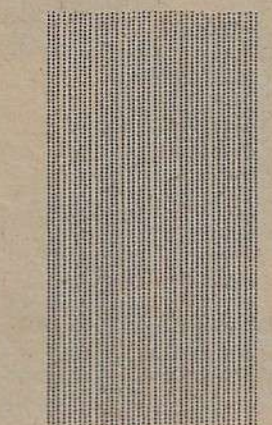
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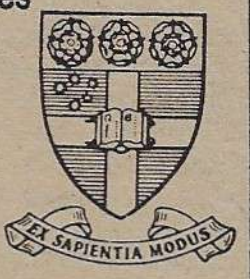
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# THE RULE OF THE WHISTLE

BY TOM ANDERSON

## A REFEREE'S lot is not a happy one...especially in Australian Soccer in 1983!

There has been more controversy, more argument and more hatred stirred up by refereeing decisions in Australian football this year than ever before.

In fact to say that the men in black are "the men the fans love to hate" would be the understatement of the year.

The refs have been sworn at, spat on, sometimes punched and kicked and have had to be escorted from the field by police and guards after performing their duty.

It's not a very happy situation and one that needs a remedy before the start of the 1984 season.

Basically, Australian

Soccer referees are OK and as good as any in the world.

Tony Boskovic has proved this time after time throughout the world and at two World Cup Final series in West Germany in 1974 and Spain last year.

Chris Bambridge was as good as any referee on show during this year's World Youth Finals in Mexico and last November Jack Johnston was head and shoulders above any other ref at the Joao Havelange International series in Acapulco.

Why then do the performances of our referees in top club matches cause so much controversy and

argument?

There can be only one answer on this - the present system at the top is wrong.

It's just asking for trouble putting inexperienced referees in charge of crucial NSL clashes, where it is well known before hand that bad decisions will cause crowd upheaval.

Yet this has been done time and time again this season.

It's as if the refereeing authorities want to bring trouble upon their members.

The lack of fitness is another big drawback in our refereeing system and the inability of some of our referees to keep up

with play is embarrassing. This leads to wrong decisions being called.

Also, the complete lack of consistency in the interpretation of the rules from one referee to another is disgraceful.

This frustrates even the mildest player into actions he's sorry about afterwards; it makes coaches grey-haired - if they have any hair left - and has the fans frothing at the mouth.

Consistency in the interpretation of the rules comes through direction

from the top and there is no excuse for the lack of it.

Everyone needs guidance in their jobs - even referees!

I think we are however pretty lucky in this country that there have been serious accidents involving referees.

There have been some close calls when louts tried to organise lynching parties but luckily common sense or the strong arm of the law has prevailed.

It's not so in some countries where Soccer is not a

**Referee Richard Lorenc needing a police escort off the Sports Ground after a Sydney Olympic v Marconi game in 1977.**

sport but a religion.

In one South American country the referee refused to grant the home side a penalty and was immediately shot by the president of the club!

In Mexico a referee awarded a penalty to the away side only minutes from the end of the game with the score even and was then stoned to death.

And we think we have problems.

But coming back to reality, our refereeing standard must be improved and can be improved by commonsense and positive thinking.

For instance Tony Boskovic retires from active duty at the end of the year - his experience and talents must be used to advantage.

Boskovic should be given a top refereeing administrative position.

No doubt politics will prevent this happening.

Which probably sums up all our present refereeing problems.

In the meantime, re-

## WHAT has become of your proposals for an AIS Under 23 side.

The feelings of the Soccer Federation are, I think, an Under 23 side should be a sort of casual affair. They'll pick up games here and there rather than have a team with a competitive programme like the youth team or even the national team.

The other problem is that the Institute itself is starting to get squeezed and there's been a moratorium put on the numbers of scholarships and on staffing - until the present Government has a complete review of the whole outlook of sport in Australia.

The Institute will still play its part but I don't think we'll expand as rapidly as we'd like. Suggestions I made were I wouldn't say 100 per cent fair dinkum.

It was a bit tongue in cheek. I just wanted to stimulate people to start thinking along the lines that we've filled the vacuum at youth level. Let's now not have another vacuum at Under 23 level and let's start looking at how we can utilise the resources so that we get a realistic rational production line - from State Under 16s and Under 15s through clubs, through national championships, through places like the Institute, into the youth team, into an Under 23 side and so on...so that we've got the sort of system that every other football country has.

**What of the proposal to move the Institute to Sydney?**



Jimmy Shoulder

That wasn't really a proposal. It was a statement by the new Minister, when he came in, that he'd like to see a greater diversification in Australia.

The original charter of the Institute was to do just that anyway, to start with a nucleus of sports in Canberra and then gradually introduce further sports and bring in the whole of the country and I think it has been taken out of context a little bit.

There's also probably been a little bit of opportunism by one or two people, particularly in New South Wales who might see Government funds landing their way. We have got a \$3 million complex which is being constructed at the moment.

In fact, it's going up so quickly, it changes from day to day, and that will be fully on stream by this time next year. Parts of it will be ready by next March, but the whole complex will be working by this time next year.

**What did you think of the performance of the Youth Team in Mexico?**

## VAN DIEMEN INTERVIEWS JIMMY SHOULDER

# 'LIMITS, AND A SQUEEZE'

I think they're absolutely fabulous. I really do. The hardest thing to do, and I know because I've been through the process, is to get to World Cup finals, and that's irrespective of who you've got to beat to get there. Whether you've got to beat West Germany or Fiji, it's still the hardest thing to actually get there and I think it was a marvellous achievement to reach the finals.

Upon reaching the finals, in cold fact, they won one, drew one and lost one. They beat the European champions, they lost out in the final match to a very good side, to a side which in fact reached the semi finals and to a nation which invests an awful lot of time, money and expertise into its football programme.

So, when you add all that up, for anyone to say they did badly, or to whinge about the fact that they didn't qualify for the quarter finals, is an indication of a lack of knowledge about what it takes to perform at international level.

**You lost to Southern**

## Tasmania 1-0. What did you think of the game?

I was most unhappy at the end, not because of the result. As I reminded the boys, we've got a few of our older ones who are going out at the end of the year and who think that all they've got to do is

walk into National League teams because of what they've achieved so far they've got a right to be in the first team and they expect to be in every week. With the younger ones, I think all of them

**Ray Clemence: highly rated goalkeeper.**



automatically assume that they'll be back at the Institute next year and they're taking an awful lot of things for granted.

The thing I was really annoyed about was that we work on very basic things every day of the week and they know exactly that their jobs are and that's all we ask them to do, particularly in terms of increasing their knowledge.

We give them different jobs in games and we say today you will play there and you will do this. I was extremely annoyed because they just didn't do what they were told to do.

**Do you agree you had enough chances to win?**

No doubt about that. Unfortunately, the chances that did fall, fell to Ray Junna and Ray is a player who was under a bit of pressure in the first half because I chased him about getting into a position and I think he tends to flap a bit and he felt the pressure.

I think if they'd gone to young Spink he'd have tucked both of them in. As far as we're concerned, it's not the result, in a sense, that matters because we're looking at producing players.

What these kids have got to learn is - and they're learning the lesson painfully here - they actually lost the game, which on the balance of play, they didn't deserve to lose. As far as I'm concerned, we did deserve to lose because that's the sort of thing that could have happened, and we had enough chances to keep a grip on the game.

**Do you think the**

## keeper should have saved the shot?

I suppose the logical answer is that all goalkeepers should save every shot, but, it doesn't happen that way and I've seen goalkeepers of the standing of Ray Clemence let one through the legs at Hampden Park.

## Who stood out in your team?

It's difficult to say any one stood out. Michael Barnett was very steady at sweeper - he always is - and I think that in patches throughout the game there were various players.

I was quite pleased with the performance of young George Kulscar who is only 15. When you consider that he at least attempted to do what he was told, he was a good lad. Johnny Mihailidis played very well in the first half; in the second half, he started to do the opposite of what he was told and his game was affected.

It's a good exercise and basically what we're after is for them to learn lessons. And, the sooner they learn, the better.

The biggest pressure we tend to be under, not that I'm under it, is people say we should win all our games because theoretically we have the best players.

That really depends on how you assess the best players. We give away age, we give away experience, we give away strength. If we'd played today for the full game like we played against Leichhardt, for example, we would have won comfortably by four or five goals.







"It wasn't a penalty ref," the St George players screamed to referee Tony Boskovic during the 1964 Grand Final.

erees will continue on their merry way, continue to be criticised and continue to be the men the fans love to hate.

As always, they will put on a brave show and make out that criticism to them, is like water off a duck's back.

However like everyone, they don't like criticism and in private the jibes and abuse hurt.

Surely the time has come to end all this and to make life more pleasant for the refs, the players, the coaches and the fans.

It wouldn't take much — only commonsense.

That is if there is any of that valuable ingredient left in the great game of ours.



A lonely referee being mobbed by Cameroon players after he had awarded a penalty to Argentina in a World Youth Cup game at the Sports Ground in 1981.



The referee being accosted in a match between Argentine teams Independiente and Boca with a Boca player trying to attack the referee and being held back by his team-mate.



LIKE players and administrators, referees come in all shapes and sizes and are usually well educated and dedicated men.

They can also be classified in sections and, in fact, they are by the players and coaches who come under their control.

The players and coaches guide to referees goes something like this :-

**THE PERFECT REF:** The one you dream about. Stands no nonsense and fair. Not a showman but decisive in his rulings. Pays no heed to the shouting and threats of the crowd and lets nothing influence his decisions. Not impressed by the pleas of any guilty player and is not fooled by the acting of some players. Can tell a real foul from a dive.

**THE SHOWMAN REF:** Immaculate in his dress and even his bootlaces are clean. Is said to wear hairspray and has more arm action than a policeman on traffic duty. Always seems to know where the TV cameras are situated and makes full use of this knowledge.

**THE BLIND REF:** Lets everything go and takes the free-flowing attitude too far. Ends up getting himself in trouble when he loses control of the game. The hard men in the teams love him.

**THE SCHOOL TEACHER REF:** Treats all players and coaches like primary school kids. Stands with his nose in the air, wags his fingers at the players and makes them come to him while he lectures them and belittles them. This type is hated by all players.

**THE RAILWAY GUARD REF:** Always blowing his whistle. He's seemingly never heard of the advantage rule and under his control the action is never allowed to flow. This type is hated by the fans and loved by the timid players.

**THE HOME TEAM REF:** This fellow believes that there is no way the home team can commit a foul and that every bad tackle by the home team players is just over-enthusiasm. Treats the away team like a bunch of renegades and it seems if he had his way they would all be in prison or suspended.

**THE PERPETUAL SMILER REF:** (Usually nearing the end of his career and tries to handle all situations with a smile - even when dishing out cautions and red cards, or swearing back at the players who swear at him. Usually the favourite of the players and coaches.

No doubt you will be able to put your favourite referee in one of these slots!

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BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

# AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

## CHASERS ROUT THE SEASIDERS

**KU-RING-GAI** recorded their best win of the season in defeating Manly 7-2 at Parklands Oval and in doing so moved into fourth position on the State League table.

In recording this comprehensive victory, the Chasers have crushed Manly's hopes of a spot in the top four. Eaton proved to be Manly's biggest nemesis with a well taken hat-trick.

The Seaside had no answer to the enthusiasm of Ku-Ring-Gai and with in 15 minutes found themselves behind by three goals. Needing a win, Manly had to push forward and in doing so left their defence open, a fact exploited by Ku-Ring-Gai.

Ku-Ring-Gai opened the scoring in the fourth minute. Brockbank ran down the left flank, cut inside two defenders and crossed the ball which was scrambled clear. But Eaton was on hand to slam it home.

Eaton scored his double in the 11th minute with a low curving shot following good lead-up from Knight. And Leak produced a spectacular 40 metre shot to score the Chaser's third goal in the 15th minute.

With seconds remaining before the break, Eaton scored his hat-trick with an acrobatic overhead kick set-up by McKegan.

Jones pegged one back for Manly early after the break with a confident cracker from a long range.

Ku-Ring-Gai went further ahead in the 57th minute following a defensive mix-up. McKegan intercepted the ball and was brought down inside the area by Williamson. Berry made no mistake from the spot.

McKegan was rewarded for his attacking thrusts with a fine goal in the 72nd minute. He received a ball from a free-kick on the left and smashed it into the roof of the net from 35 metres.

In the hope of salvaging some pride, the Seaside pushed forward and as a result conceded a goal and scored another. In the 86th minute Berry gained



Clive Eaton

possession, passed the ball to Brockbank and he ran around the 'keeper to score.

Peter Falconer scored a consolation goal for Manly in the dying minutes with a spectacular overhead kick.

**KU-RING-GAI:** Curtis, Kevern (Bennett 87), Berry, Bertram, Robertson, Knight, Leak, Brockbank, Regan (Davidson 84), McKegan, Eaton.

**MANLY:** Cassettari, Geoghgan, Williamson, K. Falconer, Knoble, Jones, Steven (Van Hel-don 45), Jack, Smith, P. Falconer, Stuart.

**GOALS:** Ku-Ring-Gai (Eaton 4, 11, 44 Leak 15, Berry 57, McKegan 72, Brockbank 86, Manly (Jones 48, P. Falconer 88).

### MELITA V INTER-MONARO

## EAGLES SOAR

**MELITA** Eagles kept their premiership aspirations alive with a competent 3-0 win over Inter-Monaro at Melita Stadium. This defeat destroyed any hope Monaro may have had of slipping into fourth spot.

The first half remained scoreless despite the continual pressure from the Melita midfield and forward line. On a number of occasions they produced exciting build-ups but poor finishing and the off-side-trap hindered them.

Inter-Monaro didn't create any clear cut opportunities but Colbertal-do's low shot on the turn which McPherson saved in the 18th minute and the open sitter that Macleod hit over the bar in the 70th minute.

But the well-drilled Melita machine hit top gear in the second half and were rewarded with three exciting goals.

The first came in the 58th minute when a defensive clearance rebounded off Melita's "super sub" Farnsworth and his striking teammate McKie swooped onto the loose ball, cut infield and from an acute angle put the Eagles ahead.

Farnsworth displayed his attacking qualities with a well taken goal in the 62nd minute. A long throw from goalkeeper

McPherson found Farnsworth free on the halfway-line, he turned on the ball, made a damaging run through the middle of the field, combined with McKie who's return pass was driven low into goal.

Inter-Monaro's fate was sealed in the 77th minute following a free-kick movement from the left side. Farrugia played the ball to Cross and his low pass across the goalmouth was met by McKie who skilfully turned on the ball to slot it home.

Melita were best served by Williams at right back, McAusland was always in control in midfield, Griffith displayed skill in the midfield and McKie was



John McKie

rewarded for his efforts with two fine goals.

For Monaro, Santolin played a controlled game in defence, Godzik always looked threatening in attack and Willox was creative in patches.

**MELITA:** McPherson, Williams (McCoy 81), Cross, McGinn, Daley, Griffith, Duarte, McAusland, Allan (Farnsworth 45) Farrugia, McKie.

**INTER-MONARO:** Curcic, Domazetovich, Leith, Santolin, Francis, Willox, Macleod, Lawler, Godzik, Arquero, Colbertal-do (Djordjieski 79).

**GOALS:** Melita (McKie 58, 77 Farnsworth 62).

### POLONIA V CROATIA

## CROATIA POWER PUSH

**CROATIA** dealt Polonia a savage blow by comprehensively defeating them 6-0 at Chopin Park.

Croatia have been playing an attractive brand of Soccer in the last four weeks which has netted them 13 goals while only one has been scored against them. Croatia remain one point ahead of Melita and the goal difference favours Croatia by four.

Despite the six-nil scoreline, Polonia 'keeper Barker should be credited with a fine display of goalkeeping which prevented the scoreline reaching double figures.

Croatia hit the lead in the first minute after Arnold received the ball from the left side and powerfully drove it into goal. The visitors went further ahead in the 10th minute after Arnold, Savor and Hensman combined with the latter scoring.

Marijan Kovacic scored from the spot in the 25th minute following a foul

on Rezo inside the area. Croatia scored their fourth goal before half-time after Savor, Woods and Arnold combined with Arnold scoring his second.

Arnold scored his hat-trick for Croatia in the 58th minute following good lead-up work from Woods. Woods rubbed salt into Polonia's wounds to score a fine individual goal with 10 minutes remaining.

**CROATIA:** Watson, A. Kovacic, Tomasic, Woods, Sterrey, Vidaic, Rezo (Basic 72, Savor, Arnold, M. Kovacic, Hensman (Holloway 72).

**POLONIA:** Barker, I. Garlowski, Geekie (Suigel), Z. Garlowski, Galas, Ortega, Kowalsky (Czelik), Thomas, Tracey, Sobczyk, Smith.

**GOALS:** Croatia (Arnold 1, 41, 58 Hensman 10, M. Kovacic 25, Woods 80).

### CANTERBURY- MARRICKVILLE V AUBURN

## BERRIES LATE RALLY

**CANTERBURY-Marrickville** Berries easily overcame a tenacious Auburn at Arlington Oval, rattling in three goals in the second stanza after a scoreless first half.

Berries front runner Anagnostopoulos was the most creative player for the home side, involving himself in all three goals.

On the other hand it was a case of missed chances for Auburn in the first half (a penalty kick from Auburn's Quigley in the 37th minute hit the crossbar, and the sending off of Kilkelly in the 65th minute compounded their problems.

The Berries hit the lead in the 51st minute. Anagnostopoulos gained possession after a Canterbury-Marrickville corner was poorly cleared, chipped the ball back into the six yard area, and Thamnidis was on hand to head home.

Canterbury went further ahead in the 70th minute after Anagnostopoulos made a decisive run down the right flank, crossed the ball to Theodorakopoulos who made no mistake from outside just outside the penalty area.

Anagnostopoulos was rewarded for his efforts in the 85th minute when he confidently headed the ball into the back of the net following a corner.

**CANT-M'VILLE:** Philippou, Antonopoulos, Laws, Hantzis, Palmer, Andreou, Laing, Vasiliou, Theodorakopoulos, Anagnostopoulos (Philippou 87, Basterfield (Thamnidis 45).

**AUBURN:** Bowman, Kelly (Bobinac 43), Prgomelja (Jones 50, Planinic, Johnstone, Allan, Kilkelly (SO 65, Quigley, Kinsey, Martinez, Carney.

**GOALS:** Cant-M'ville (Thamnidis 51, Theodorakopoulos 70, Anagnostopoulos 85.

### YUGAL V SUTHERLAND

## SHARK BAIT

**SUTHERLAND** slipped from fourth position on goal differences after defeating Yugal by only 1-0 at Fraser Park.

The Sharks could feel upset about the result considering Ku-Ring-Gai shocked Manly with a rousing 7-2 victory and Sutherland now find themselves behind on a two goal difference.

Sutherland dominated the game but poor finishing and lack of luck thwarted them.

Midway through the half, Clinch broke through, ran around the 'keeper, and his shot at the open goal hit the post. The rebound was skied over the bar by team-mate Cashman.

Seconds before the interval, the Sharks scored their valuable goal. Beggs received the ball from a short free-kick outside the area and curled it around the wall and past Yugal 'keeper Berry.

The Sharks played the second half in a controlled manner, pushing forward with determination. But the goals proved hard to come by with both sides lacking penetration in forward movements keeping the scoreline at 1-0.

**YUGAL:** Berry (Smith 45), Gogic, Forrester, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahor, Jesic (Mihaljovic 76), Turkoglu, Baumgartner, Zivkovic, Tanoski.

**SUTHERLAND:** Haynes, Hesford, Terrey, Schuman, Dal Forno, Cashman, Harrington, Webber, Beggs, Groome, Clinch.

**GOALS:** Sutherland (Beggs 44).

### BANKSTOWN V AVALA

## TOWN BUNDLE

**AT THE Soccer Centre, Avala** overcame a determined late rally from Bankstown to run out winners 2-1.

All three goals were a result of defensive errors and with minutes remaining, Bankstown almost scored the equaliser but their attempt was cleared off the line.

Avala struck the first blow in the 27th minute. Barton ran through the middle of the field and sent in a high attempt which was mistimed by Bankstown goalkeeper, Giffin, and sailed into goal.

Bankstown equalised five minutes into the second half. Avala defender Barton headed a shot back to his keeper, Ahrens, who dived low to knock it away but Blackburn was on hand to ram the ball home.

Avala substitute Rodrigues, who scored a match-winner for Avala coming on as a substitute in a first round game against Cant-M'ville, repeated the same effort against Bankstown.

Bankstown defender Vaughan lost possession of the ball close to goal and Rodrigues swooped through to score.

**BANKSTOWN:** Giffin, Kennedy, King, Vaughan, Beck, Parker, Bourke, Agostino, Silines, Blackburn, York.

**AVALA:** Ahrens, Lembryk, MacKenzie, Barton, Vujnovic, Radojevic, Yousuph, Muniz, Fontana (Rodrigues 55), Brown, DaSilva (Tosanic 73).

**GOALS:** Avala (Barton 27, Rodrigues 60, Bankstown (Blackburn 50).

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### DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	23	15	7	1	50	11	37
Melita	23	16	4	3	46	11	36
Blacktown	22	16	0	6	50	21	32
Ku-Ring-Gai	22	10	6	6	35	25	26
Sutherland	22	10	6	6	30	22	26
Avala	23	9	7	7	30	32	25
Manly	23	9	6	8	40	39	24
Inter-Monaro	22	8	7	7	31	31	23
Cant-M'ville	23	7	4	12	36	44	18
Yugal	23	5	7	11	20	37	17
Polonia	22	3	7	12	23	42	13
Auburn	23	3	3	17	21	63	9
Bankstown	23	2	4	17	25	60	8

### DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	22	17	5	0	61	14	39
Sutherland	22	17	0	5	68	17	34
Manly	23	15	4	4	58	27	34
Melita	23	13	7	3	66	35	33
Bankstown	23	12	6	5	47	28	30
Ku-Ring-Gai	22	10	6	6	46	26	26
Croatia	22	8	5	9	42	35	21
Auburn	23	8	3	12	32	44	19
Avala	22	6	5	11	37	47	17
Inter-Monaro	22	5	2	15	19	54	12
Cant-M'ville	23	5	1	17	29	53	11
Yugal	23	2	5	16	21	85	9
Polonia	22	1	4	17	14	76	6

### DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	21	12	7	2	41	21	31
Cant-M'ville	21	11	8	2	36	15	30
Sutherland	20	14	1	5	42	19	29
Melita	21	9	9	3	44	22	27
Manly	22	10	6	6	50	28	26
Blacktown	21	9	8	4	35	19	26
Bankstown	20	6	4	10	32	36	16
Ku-Ring-Gai	20	6	4	10	27	33	16
Avala	22	6	4	12	30	57	16
Auburn	21	5	5	10	25	38	15
Polonia	20	6	2	12	14	24	14
Yugal	21	1	2	18	15	79	4

### DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rockdale	25	18	3	4	62	29	39
Warr-N'been	24	16	5	3	46	20	37
Gladesville	24	14	5	4	44	28	33
Fairy Meadow	24	14	4	6	42	25	32

### DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	24	19	4	1	72	18	42
Gladesville	24	16	5	3	68	16	37
Penrith Utd	24	16	4	4	55	23	34
Warr-N'been	24	11	8	5	44	25	30
Parra City	25	13	3	9	47	49	29
Rev Workers	24	13	2	9	54	38	28
Nth Bankstown	24	11	5	8	53	35	27
W'gong Utd	24	10	5	9	48	47	25
Artarmon	25	8	3	14	40	72	19
Blacktown Utd	25	7	4	14	35	57	18
Rockdale	25	7	2	15	32	54	18
Belmore	25	5	3	17	30	71	13
Dee Why	24	5	2	17	21	51	12
Uni of NSW	25	3	4	18	18	67	10

### DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	24	22	0	2	100	22	44
Penrith Utd	23	20	2	1	80	26	42
Uni of NSW	25	14	6	5	57	25	34
Dee Why	24	14	4	6	48	25	32
Gladesville	24	12	7	5	47	28	31
Parra City	25	11	5	9	52	36	27
Warr-N'been	24	9	4	11	41	50	22
Nth Bankstown	23	8	4	12	44	53	20
Belmore	25	8	3	14	33	46	19
Rockdale	25	7	5	13	28	58	19
Blacktown Utd	25	7	4	14	38	54	18
Artarmon	25	5	3	17	44	90	13
W'gong Utd	23	3	6	14	28	56	12
Revesby Wrks	24	1	3	20	19	90	5

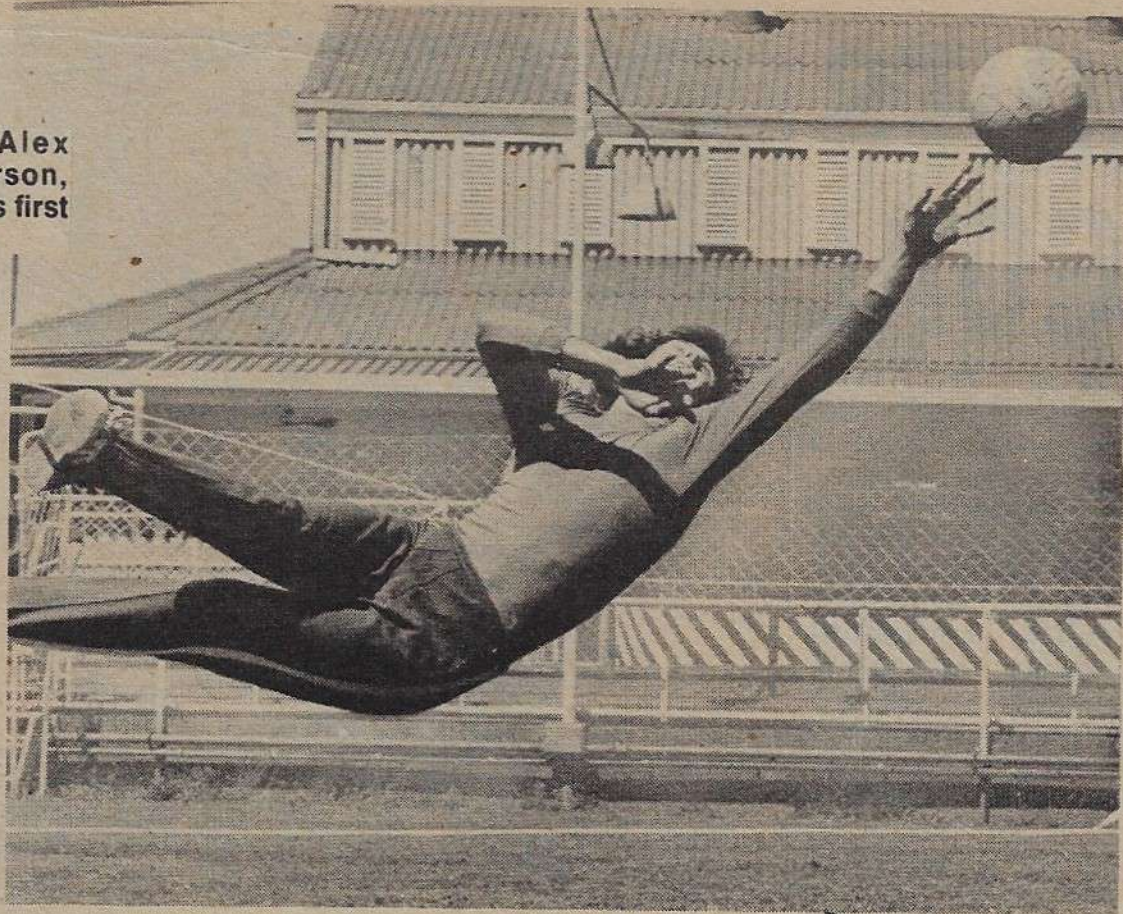
## LEADING SCORERS

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**Smith (Mly) 16**  
**Eaton (Ku) 15**  
**McKie (Mel) 14**  
**McLaughlin (Bik) 11**





Left: Alex McPherson, Melita's first choice.



# WE GROW 'EM BIGGER AND BETTER

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

**THE NSW State League has a rare abundance of top class goalkeepers. Over the years many goalkeepers have progressed through the State League and into the National League.**

Blacktown City are a case in point. Current first grade goalkeeper Barry Hoare started the season as third choice at Blacktown. First choice was Australian representative Bruce James (now with Marconi); second on the list was Peter Freeman.

Freeman has been a regular goalkeeper at Blacktown for many seasons and played in the same side that surprisingly defeated Marconi 5-1 in the National League.

Barry, on the other hand, started his career with the Granville Soccer club and worked his way through the ranks and into the first grade line-up. Aiming to further his career, Barry joined Leichhardt and was second string goalkeeper to another Australian representative Greg Woodhouse.

Croatia's number one choice Steve Watson qualifies as one of the best goalkeepers in Australia. Steve also started his career at Granville (now called Parramatta City) before switching to Croatia. This season Steve was selected in the NSW squad to play Queensland in a Centenary game. Having seen this goalkeeper consistently this season there is no doubt he ranks in the top three listing at the moment.

Melita also has two top class goalkeepers in their ranks. Alex McPherson, the club's first choice, has been a consistent performer during the last few seasons. This year Alex has only seen 12 goals go past him in 22 competition matches.

Second grade keeper Tony Veneri joined the club midway through the season from Marconi realising that it would be a difficult task to oust Allan Maher from the Youth side, let alone Bruce James from the first XI. Tony performed well in the opportunities that fell his way in the National League.

St George and recent Australian representative in the England series,



Above: Croatia's Steve Watson in training. Right: Long serving Auburn goalkeeper David Bowman. Below: Up and coming Ku-Ring-Gai goalkeeper David Curtis.

Terry Greedy enjoyed success with Melita in the State League before he was spotted and signed up by St George.

Canterbury goalkeeper Ali El Zein, although lacking in height, makes up for it with his quick reflexes and agility. Ali has been a regular first grade player for a number of seasons.

Mal Haynes (Sutherland), Ian Barker (Polonia), Peter Berry

Yugal, Peter Ahrens (Avala), Chris Cassettari (Manly) and David Bowman (Auburn) are all experienced first grade goalkeepers. Throughout the years they have established themselves in their respective clubs through consistent and creditable performances.

The "Young Brigade" looks to be the most promising crop to develop in many seasons. David Curtis (Ku Ring Gai), Steve

Giffin (Bankstown), Paul Dart (Sutherland) and Walker (Auburn) have credited themselves in first and second grade performances.

The goalkeeping standard in the NSW State League is a credit to all concerned. The future looks bright and no doubt many more goalkeepers will work their way through the ranks and on to greater heights.

in the major semi-final, Central Coast meet Weston.

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Dean Milosevic	6

# CENTRAL COAST SURF HOME

BY MYLES HAY

**CENTRAL COAST finished the Northern NSW Soccer series with a solid 3-1 win over Highfield Azzurri to clinch the first division title in their initial season.**

Adamstown Rosebuds, who could have sneaked in had Central Coast lost, were shocked by a resilient Maitland side which rattled up a 3-0 half-time lead before running out winners 4 goals to 2.

It was one of those days when the Rosebuds could do nothing right.

An early doubtful penalty went against them when Leigh Sellars scored, then Jim Foley misjudged a pass-back to deceive his own goalkeeper, Steve Dorman.

Before half-time, Malcolm McClelland had given Maitland an unexpected 3-0 lead.

Though John Turnbull and John Macquarrie netted for Adamstown in the second half, another own goal by Neil Owens completed a miserable day for the home side.

Macquarie Field at Speers Point has been named for the staging of the first division semi-finals next Sunday.

In the minor semi-final, Adamstown will clash with West Wallsend and

# ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

**TWO Illawarra Soccer referees are taking legal action against players who have been outed for life on assault charges.**

The referees, Peter Gleeson and Col Blakeney, have the full backing of the Illawarra Referees' Association.

Association president Alan Walton told ASW members will be encouraged to go to the Courts whenever there is an assault case.

The Illawarra senior body outed a Lysaght's player for life after he struck Gleeson during the Lysaght's Unanderra first division game.

The junior committee gave life to a 16 year old Warilla Wanderers goalkeeper after he punched Blakeney in an under 16 semi final against Berkeley.

Blakeney was "out cold" and it is the first time in recent years a junior player has been given a life sentence.

The semi-final was abandoned and during the replay there was further trouble.

Senior referee Rex Leighton was appointed to the replay and after he blew the final whistle there were a number of incidents involving players and spectators.

Junior president Mrs

Florence Stephenson said it was very unfortunate that the Warilla player had to be given a life sentence but it was a unanimous vote by the 14 strong committee.

Four referees have now been involved in serious accidents in Illawarra this season, two of them having involved the same referee.

Walton severely criticised club officials who sympathise with players involved in these incidents.

"I find it incredible that some otherwise responsible club officials have tried to support players involved in assaults," Walton said.

"My association applauds the sentences handed out by administrators recently and I ask that they move quickly to eradicate the current trend towards violent reactions."

ILLAWARRA premier league semi-finals will be played on Sunday with Crehan Park and Tarrawanna being the venues.

In the major semi final, West-Figtree take on Shellharbour with Coniston to meet Warilla Wanderers in the other game.

Coniston scrambled in to the top four on goal difference with a 2-1 win over Tarrawanna in the last round.

There was drama in the last round with Fernhill needing to beat Bellambi to take fourth place from Coniston.

Shellharbour are a quiet tip for the grand final after improving gradually towards the end of the season.

TARRAWANNA'S Steve Tomlinson created a record when he turned out for his club against Warilla Wanderers in Sunday's Bampton Cup final.

It was Tomlinson's fifth appearance in the final, having played twice previously with Tarrawanna and twice with Bulli.

Formerly a winger who got his share of goals, Tomlinson has been playing in the midfield with Tarrawanna this season.

One of the form players for Tarrawanna in the second half of the season has been fullback Wayne Bradford.

## N.S.W. SOCCER FEDERATION

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## TOP ACTION SOCCER

### THIS WEEKS MATCHES

#### DIVISION 1 Sunday, September 11

##### DEFERRED GAMES

Polonia v Sutherland Shire	Chopin Park
Inter-Monaro v Blacktown City	Marco Polo Oval
Ku-Ring-Gai v Avala (1st & 2nd Gde)	Gabbie Stadium
Bankstown v Ku-Ring-Gai (3rd Gde)	Gabbie Stadium

#### DIVISION 2 Sunday, September 11

Revesby Workers v Wollongong United	Milperra Reserve
Warringah N'been v North Bankstown	Narrabeen Fitness Camp
Gladesville Ravens v Dee Why	Peel Park
Penrith Utd v Fairy Meadow	Cook Park

### NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

#### DIVISION 1 Sunday, September 18

Melita Eagles v Polonia	Melita Stadium
Croatia Sydney v S.S.C. Yugal	King Tomislav Park
Sutherland Shire v Cant M'ville Oly	Seymour Shaw Park
Bankstown v Auburn	Soccer Centre
Blacktown City v Ku Ring Gai	Gabbie Stadium
Manly Warringah v Inter Monaro	Cromer Park

#### DIVISION 2 Sunday, September 18

North Bankstown v Dee Why	Potts Park
Penrith United v Blacktown United	Cook Park
Gladesville Ravens v Fairy Meadow	Peel Park
Parramatta City v Belmore	Garside Park
Wollongong Utd v Revesby Workers	Berkeley Spts Grd
Rockdale v Uni of NSW	St George Stadium
Warringah N'been v Artarmon	Narrabeen Fitness Camp



# TOP SOCCER IS SAINTS GOAL

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

**WARRINGAH-NARRABEEN**, playing in the NSW State League second division, have a strong chance of winning the competition and promotion.

At this stage of the season the "Saints" are one point behind leaders, Rockdale with a game in hand. Warringah have the added advantage of playing their last two games at home against North Bankstown and Artarmon.

John Wignall, coach of the team, is quite impressed by the standard of the competition in the second division.

"Most teams are evenly matched and it is the sheer fitness and skill of the top teams that will decide the Premiership winners at the end of the season.

"Unfortunately there are no real recognised strikers in the League except with Rockdale and us. Rockdale pair Branko Karanfilovski and Ross Brown are a dangerous combination," Wignall said.

The Warringah side is no slouch in playing strength. Wignall says:

"All our players are

looked at equally. We like to create harmony between players, supporters and committee men."

The Saints have some experienced players in their ranks.

"Hilton Phillips, a striker on loan from Liverpool in England, has attracted a lot of attention from a number of State League clubs. He is always a threat inside the area and has a magic shot and deft touches.

"Billy Bulloch, who captained Riverwood last season, can play anywhere in the midfield or the forward line. Our goalkeeper Peter Dean has plenty of potential and in many people's eyes, he could handle a higher grade of competition.

"You mustn't forget all the local lads. They've done a tremendous job standing by the club and the results speak for themselves," Wignall concluded.

The players, supporters, and committee are

confident they can gain promotion.

"This year we are very hopeful of promotion. Obviously we would like to win the competition to make sure. If we are runners-up we still might play off to gain promotion," Wignall added.

Disappointingly, there appears to be a rift in Soccer on the north side. I feel that if several clubs banded together and formed a side to compete in the National League, this section of Sydney would stamp itself on the Soccer map.

Let's face it...there is no side north of the harbour in the National League. If there were, there would be a greater incentive for the juniors to pursue a Soccer career.

On the subject of conflicts on the north side, John Wignall is hopeful that a friendly relationship can exist between Manly Warringah, Dee Why and Warringah Narrabeen.

"I think there would be no problem with two clubs in the first division. It would help both — not cause problems," said Saints coach.

"Juniors would develop with the opportunities available at two clubs," Wignall said.

Whatever the future holds with the composition of the NSW competition, the north shore needs the highest standard of Soccer to develop its juniors. With Manly and, if they win promotion, Warringah Narrabeen, playing in the strongest competition in NSW, this can be achieved.



Billy Bulloch (left) after playing with St George and Riverwood joined the Saints this season. He has done a marvellous job as captain and has added a touch of class to the midfield. Photo courtesy of the **MANLY DAILY**

## MALLACOOTA HEAD SOUTH!

AN INTER URBAN 3rd Div. side, plus three All-Age Premier League teams from Sydney, along with a Premier League Wollongong entry, have nominated for a Round Robin tournament in Victoria on October, 1 & 2.

Macquarie University, Harbord Diggers, Hornsby RSL, Gwawley Bay, and Fernhill Soccer clubs, head south to the small border seaside township and Abalone diving port of Mallacoota over the Labour Day weekend, to compete in the annual 'Mallacoota Cup'.

Mallacoota, a 6½ to 8 hour drive from Melbourne to Sydney, is considered by many to be one of the most scenic areas along the coast, with beautiful beaches, lakes, natural bushland settings, and the Howe Range, all providing a picturesque backdrop to the

local oval.

The host club, plus Melbourne Metropolitan League entries, Sandringham and Nunawading, form the Victorian contingent which will undoubtedly provide their North ern rivals with a stern challenge for the hand some trophy and awards that go to the champions.

Nunawading in fact won last year's event, (defeating Harbord Diggers 2 nil in the final), and reinforced the domination of Victorian teams over NSW entries in this competition since it began in 1972. The record presently stands at 8-3, which Harbord Diggers (1975

and Concord Juniors (1977/78) preventing the clean sweep.

A nomination from a composite Fijian side should add interest to this year's program. Entered as Suva Lautoka Old Boys, the team will comprise players who were formerly from those Fiji districts but who now reside permanently in Australia. The squad will include 3 or 4 ex Fiji National representatives and overall, should prove to be a quite formidable line up.

The football standard has been generally quite high with teams displaying a very competitive approach to their matches... and yet, throughout the weekend, there appears to be an overriding social atmosphere about the entire proceedings.

These factors, along with the appealing opportunity it presents to clubs of competing against opponents from other cities and country entres, has made the Mallacoota Cup, now in its 12th year, one of the most popular tournaments of its kind around, and it certainly qualifies as an ideal end of season trip for clubs and their members.

There is actually one vacancy remaining for this year's program. Any club that's interested in securing this berth should contact Alf Bowerman on 051-58 0250.

### RIISING STAR



THE SECOND Division of the NSW STATE League have many up and coming youngsters in their ranks.

### Amongst them is Steven Paul.

Playing first grade with 2nd Division Blacktown United, Steven has been awarded a Soccer scholarship in England with third division Wimbledon.

The scholarship has been arranged by club

coach, former Australian international, Dave Zeeman, who said: "If Steve fulfils the potential I feel he has, he should spend most of his stay playing in the Wimbledon reserve team; who knows, he could go on to bigger and better things."

Steve leaves Sydney in early November and returns some time in February. During his stay in England, Steve will experience the life of a full time professional footballer.

As an apprentice, he will train daily with both the first team and reserves. He will have the opportunity to watch, and to mix with, some of England's most accomplished players, as arrangements have been made for him to spend time with some London-based players from neighbouring clubs.

After playing his Junior Soccer with the club, and a couple of years with Blacktown City Youth, Steve Paul re-joined Blacktown United in 1981, at the age of 17 and played in the third grade team.

This year, he started the season in second grade and quickly won promotion to the first team, where several outstanding displays saw him consolidate his position.

Says club secretary Tony Hill: "We are doing our utmost to foster local talent. Young Steve is an outstanding example of what can be achieved with a combination of help and encouragement by clubs towards talented juniors, plus the dedication and determination to succeed shown by young players."

## WARATAHS BLOSSOM

ORANGE Waratahs defeated Bloomfield 2-0 to win the Mid State Soccer League premiership for 1983.

The semi finalists were Orange Waratahs 26, Dubbo South Wanderers 25, Email 23 and CYMS 21.

The major semi-final is likely to be played on September 11 at the Waratah's new Soccer complex.

Robbie Brown was the scorer as Orange took its first Mid State title.

Bloomfield was unlucky to lose Rudi Reiss, who broke a leg when going in for a "hospital" ball in the first half.

CYMS defeated Email to take out fourth spot. They came back from a 2-1 deficit and towards the end of the game Jeff MacGregor scored the winner.

— Keith Gilmour



Waratahs' prolific goalscorer Robbie Brown (left).

## 1984 OVERSEAS SOCCER TOURS



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## NSW FED RESULTS

### STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Polonia v Croatia Sydney	0-6	2-9	0-2
S.S.C. Yugal v Sutherland Shire	0-1	0-5	0-2
Cant-M'ville Oly v Auburn	3-0	0-1	0-0
Bankstown v Avala	1-2	3-0	5-0
Ku-ring-gai v Manly-Warr	7-2	1-2	1-1
Melita Eagles v Inter Monaro	3-0	4-0	
Bankstown v Sutherland Shire		1-2	0-1

### STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

Dee Why v Penrith United	1-0	0-4	1-1
Blacktown Utd v Gl'ville Ravens	1-4	0-4	1-2
Fairy Meadow v Belmore	2-0	5-1	6-0
Parramatta City v W'gong Utd	0-2	3-2	1-1
Revesby Wkrs v Rockdale Ilinden	1-2	4-0	1-1
Uni of N.S.W. v Warr-N'been	1-1	0-1	1-0
Nth Bankstown v Artarmon	0-1	6-1	2-0

### STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION

Queens Park v Nth Ryde	2-1		
C'town City v Bondi Marine		1-0	
Queens Park v Baulkham Hills			1-4
Bathurst '75 v C'town City	0-1		
Gl'ville Ravens v Mt Druitt Twn		1-0	
Gladesville v C'town City			1-0

### SEMI-FINALS

### INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

FIRST GRADE:	
Port Hacking v Eastern Creek	2-1
King Tomislav v Fairfield Kiev	1-1 (5-4 Pn)
SECOND GRADE:	
Port Hacking v Sydney Uni	1-0
Maroubra Utd v Fairfield West	0-3

### INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

FIRST GRADE:	
C'town Gunns v Padstow Park	2-0
Eastwood SA v Moorebank	3-2
SECOND GRADE:	
C'town Gunns v Eastwood	2-1
Chelsea v Padstow Park	1-0

### INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

FIRST GRADE:	
Hawkesbury Dist v Macquarie Uni	1-0
Macarthur Utd v Green Valley	4-0

SECOND GRADE:	
Ryde Dist v Liverpool City	(5-6 Pen)
Robins v Macarthur	3-0

### INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

FIRST GRADE:	
Murray Farm v Rangers Hajduk	2-0
Rosebery v Chullora	1-1 (2-4 Pen)
SECOND GRADE:	
Dulwich Hill v Rangers Hajduk	0-2



# JUVENTUS PLAN ARANDA COMPLEX

ONE OF Canberra's oldest and most successful Soccer clubs, the heavily Italian community-backed Juventus, plans to build a multi-million general sporting complex and ground in the Northside suburb of Aranda, reports STEVE BURNS.

This was confirmed exclusively today by the Secretary of the Juventus Club, Mr Charles DeAngelis.

And as an interim measure, one hoped to help considerably with cash flow, the Juventus club recently moved into the former Hibiscus Club — formerly the home of the Belconnen Australian Rules Club.

The premises are now owned by Canberra builders the Capezio Brothers.

"We are negotiating with the National Capital Development Commission for the block of land on the corner of Bindubi Street, Aranda," Mr DeAngelis said.

"Negotiations are at an advanced stage. We believe our plan will be acceptable."

"What we intend to develop, over three stages



Mr Charles DeAngelis.

and five years, is a multi-purchase family club for the area which will feature not just the adjoining Soccer ground, but also licensed facilities, tennis courts, a sauna and spa and gymnasium."

Mr DeAngelis said the club hoped that stage one would begin within the next 18 months.

"We have long awaited this development," he

said.

"Our information is that the area would make excellent use of such a facility. We know our members would support it."

"Even with the Hibiscus premises the response was magnificent. Most of the interior fit out was done by voluntary workers at nights and weekends and our foundation and family membership plan has been a great success."

"With little real effort

we sold 230 foundation members at either the \$200 single or \$250 family rate plus over 150 ordinary membership fees either \$30 (single) and \$37 for a family."

The formal opening of the Hibiscus premises was carried out by the Italian Ambassador, Dr Sergio Angeletti, and the Member for Fraser, Mr Ken Fry.

Mr DeAngelis stressed that before the new premises began there would be a major membership drive.

**THE long-serving member for Fraser, Mr Ken Fry (left) presents the President of the Juventus Soccer Club, Mr Joe Fusca, with a wall plaque to commemorate the opening of the new Hibiscus Club.**

"As the cost of fielding sporting teams grows alarmingly we have to have other established means of revenue," Mr DeAngelis added.

"The Hibiscus project will do that to some extent but the long term answer is the multi-purpose sporting complex."

Stage one, within 18 months, would include the basic club house and Soccer pitch, stage two the tennis courts and other community facilities and stage three squash courts, gymnasium, sauna and spa.

Para finished with 22

BY TOM MCKAIN

points and a plus 10 difference to Polonia's 22 and plus 13.

With a 5-2 away win over Campbelltown, West Adelaide finished 5th (21 points) followed by last year's champions, Azzurri (20 points).

Birkalla (17) remained seventh, Campbelltown (14) eighth, followed by Elizabeth (12) and Port Adelaide on six points and doomed for relegation.



NORTHERN TASMANIAN STATE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE TEAM.

Back Row(L-R): K. Dennis(First Aid), O. Klaus(Coach), K. Smith, L. Monagle, A. Rimmer, M. Koch, S. Carstens, J. McGrory, M. Wesson, M. Foote, R. Wesson(Manager), Team Official. Front Row(L-R): P. Davidson, R. Parke, B. Davidson, A. Scheibl, S. Morley, P. Sawdon, R. Smith, W. Frame.

# SAD END FOR WALLSEND

BY MYLES HAY

AUSTRALIA's most famous Soccer ground, Crystal Palace at Wallsend, has been sold to end a saga in the history of the code.

Names like Reg Date, Art Quill, Bruce Morrow and Ron Giles roll off the tongue. Famous clubs which have played there include Blackpool (complete with Stanley Matthews), and FK Austria, whose players claimed the Wallsend turf was as good as any they had played on throughout the world.

The 4.5ha complex including the licensed club premises have been sold to the New World Properties organisation and development plans have already been submitted to Newcastle City Council for the construction of a \$6 million Super-K shopping centre.

Large crowds were commonplace at the compact Crystal Palace ground, even pre-season Ampol Cup tournaments attracting regular crowds on Friday nights of over 3,000 — and entertainment a plenty was always avail-

able with many stirring cup battles.

In recent years, the famous Wallsend club has struggled and has languished in second division, along with other such notables as Austral United, Cardiff and Toronto-Awaba — teams which were the centre of an exciting spell of Soccer supremacy in the 1960s.

Many diehards were shocked last year when the Wallsend club allowed the ground to be used for Second Division Rugby League — sheer sacrilege on the hallowed turf of Crystal Palace.

It is the end of an era which stretches back into the last century and though the pitch may be dug up by bulldozers, the exciting memories of so many gems of football cannot be erased from those fortunate enough to have frequented this wonderful Soccer stronghold.

# SHOWDOWN OVER THE AMPOL CUP

THERE IS a showdown looming between Adelaide's two NSL clubs and the SA Soccer Federation over their appearance in the 1984 Ampol Cup summer series, reports Tom McKain.

The move has been initiated by West Adelaide Supporters' Club which runs the side's State League First Division team.

Member clubs of the SA Federation are moving to have West banned from their First Division and City ousted from the Second Division.

But they still want the NSL pair in the Ampol Cup to draw crowds.

Now there is a strong move among the two giants' members to pull out of the Ampol series.

President of the West Supporters' Club, Mr Michael Aronis, says the NSL clubs are being used

by the local teams to gain money from the Ampol Cup, but are upset because they cannot beat the NSL reserve teams in the local leagues.

City has been running second for almost all season in Second Division, while the West reserves, mostly youngsters, have topped the First Division at times, and only recently dropped out of the four.

"We spend thousands of dollars on the First Division side after winning the Second Division, and we represent the State on the national scene, and this is the thanks we get," said Mr Aronis.

"If you can't beat the opposition, throw them out of the league."

"That seems to be the answer from the State League clubs, and it should not be allowed."

It is being moved that the NSL clubs' reserves be confined to the newly proposed State Youth League which will allow for four under and over age players to be fielded.

While some clubs claim the NSL pair have fielded National League players in the State teams it can honestly be said that they have been only fringe NSL players, although West once fielded Graham Honeyman, and striker Paul Wormley — but the latter took the field with three broken

ribs, played in midfield and scored three goals.

Both NSL squads are so light on class players their reserve teams are far from being strong when compared to other NSL squads.

On one occasion West's State League team had two 15-year-olds and a 14-year old playing.

The only senior NSL men in the West State team have been the goalkeepers — Gary Sproul, then recently Martyn Crook.

Only Tim Brown as a striker has made any thing like regular appearances for the NSL team with Chris Manou in the same category.

For City only defender Paul Shillabeer can be classed as a full member of the NSL squad in the Second Division City lineup.

While City president, Cavalier Joe Linarello, says his club is not concerned about not playing Second Division, some supporters think otherwise.

Both clubs will meet to discuss their positions in relation to the Ampol series.

Before the pair agreed to play in it after joining the national competition, the attendances dropped to hundreds, and there was talk that the sponsors would pull out.

# TWO HORSE RACE IN TASMANIA

BY VAN DIEMEN

WITH two rounds remaining in Tasmania's Cadbury State League, only two teams can win the title, Juventus-Pioneer and Rapid-Wrest Point.

Juventus leads Rapid by two points and the teams meet in the final League match of the season in two week's time.

Juventus disposed of Croatia Glenorchy 4-1, with Bruce Ward hitting his second successive hat-trick. His first two goals came in the 14th and 18th minutes, from almost identical positions, wide on the right from tight angles. Broadhouse put the Italian side 3-0 up after 26 minutes when a brilliant flick by Ward put the left winger through with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Mark Oakes pulled one back for Croatia on the hour but Ward completed his hat-trick and the scoring in the 65th minute.

Rapid, the reigning champion, eased the pressure on Juventus when it could only play a scoreless draw with Caledonians. It must now rely on Olympia to defeat Juventus next week if it is to have any chance of retaining the title because Juventus has a vas-

tly superior goal difference to take into the final round.

Olympia managed only a 1-1 draw with Metro, thus effectively ending the Greek team's championship aspirations. An incredible miscued pass by defender Hey allowed John McIntyre to round the 'keeper and put Metro in front, but Forster's goal midway through the second half ensured Olympia a draw.

University continued its good form by downing relegated White Eagles 3-2, its second win in a row. Galgadies put the students in front after 17 minutes and Crowther added a second in the 41st minute before Rosinski's header on the stroke of half-time put Eagles back in the game.

The second half saw both sides convert penalties and University just hold on to gain both points.

DETAILS: Olympic 1 Metro 1, University 3, White Eagles 2, Caledonians 0, Rapid 0, Juventus 4, Croatia 1.

## CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JUVENTUS	19	14	1	4	48	18	29
RAPID	19	12	3	4	33	21	27
OLYMPIA	19	9	6	4	47	28	24
CROATIA	19	10	3	6	39	32	23
CALEDONIANS	19	6	5	8	35	31	17
METRO	19	4	6	9	24	33	14
UNIVERSITY	19	7	0	12	28	54	14
WHITE EAGLES	19	2	0	17	20	57	4





Captain Greg Marfutenko handing the State Cup to his manager at presentation time.



Paul poised to strike



Greg Marfutenko

## 'PASS'

**PASQUALINE Romito**, an Albury High School student, was named as one of the winners of the NSW Combined High School Soccer Scholarship, in Albury.

Pass, as he is known, who plays for the Lavington U/14 team, was nominated by the Albury High School's Soccer coach, Mr Rob Lee.

He is also a member of the Albury Wodonga Association's U/14 rep team.

Representative Publicity Officer Frank Finlay said: "Pass will



attend the Johnny Warren Academy, at Gold Creek Homes tead in Canberra, Pass will learn coaching techniques, and skills of the game.

"He will learn more from the young NSW Soccer players, aged between 13 and 15, and we are certain that he will be a fine representative for Albury Wodonga."

# WHO WILL WIN?

The year's contributions from many keen Soccer people from various parts of Australia will be judged by our Editorial staff following the issue of September 27.

Surely no sport has greater amateur, junior and schools enthusiasts than Soccer. We feel that our junior pages attest to that.

Mr Steve Serda, managing director of plastic suppliers Serderon Pty Ltd has generously donated prizes which go to the Association, club or school nominated by those who have assisted this year. But keep those stories and pictures coming, as ASW will feature plenty more before the last issue for 1983.

# FORMIDABLE WOLF PACK

**THE CHULLORA Wolves (U16, Div 1) have become a formidable pack of young Soc-ceroos.**

On September 18 you can see them as they play in the Champion of Champions competition.

Playing in the Banks town district, they are the U16 State Cup champs. In 22 games played, only eight goals where allowed

in by their keeper, whilst their strikers notched up 135 goals! That's a scoring average of six goals per game.

The Wolves have also taken the Presidents Cup, Minor Premiers and Pre-miers.

As is often common amongst our Soccerroos, their mums and dads remain their staunchest supporters, both on and off the field. And thanks to the efforts of Carol Watkins who is not a 'Soccer widow,' this report and the photographs appeared on the ASW news desk.

Thanks Carol. Onward



the Wolves. The team is sponsored by Ken Sams. Toyota (Chullora).

The team: Angelo Spathis, Tony Cetin, Robert Smith, Stephen Stoddart, John Nikolovski, George Markovski, Paul Watkins, Greg Marfutenko, Mark Nunall, Alex Campbell, Marcial Sousa, Thomas Foulkes, Ray Malavazos, Ralph

The picture that tells the story. The goal that won the U/16 State Cup by Ray Malavazos (obscured by 14) after a brilliant cross from Paul Watkins (arrowed).

Gargiulo, Matthew Hanrahan, Stephen Wolfenden, Colin Waltho. Coach: Bob Ferguson. Manager: Kevin Calderon.

# ACORNS TO OAKS

**MANY PEOPLE have asked just why a club such as Blacktown City would spend \$20,000 per year on some local kids.**

Is the club run by mad-men? With that sort of money, for three years they could have three of the best forwards in the country and with that

goes instant success.

Perhaps you have hit the answer. Maybe Blacktown might just believe that Aussie kids are as good as any in the world

and they are going to give the kids the chance to prove it.

A worthwhile scheme such as Blacktown's needs money, time, and exper-



**KEITH GILMOUR JS JUNIOR SCENE**

tise. That is what Blacktown is giving.

When the Blacktown City Soccer Academy was put together it was seen that almost 400 hours of training per year was required, without interfering with school work or unduly disturbing home life.

Training four times per week for forty weeks amounted to 225 hours; four weeks and three long weekends, live in soccer camps amounted to a further 135 hours.

So the "Revolutionary" new idea — THE HOME TRAINING PROGRAM — was put in place. Homework for football!

A series of ball controls and exercises was set to be carried out and recorded in a black folder by each member of the academy.

It included ball juggling, heading juggling, ball control sequences, exercises and running.

This has had four outstanding results:

1) It developed a superb touch for the ball (1,000 juggles).

2) It therefore allowed players more time for vision in the game, and therefore decision making

was easier.

3) It took care of all fitness work. The Superkids are 6 per cent fitter than the State team.

4) And most importantly, it revealed which children were dedicated, honest in their work and well organised.

Every two months the Home Training Program was called in and boys tested to see that they can do

A report was then submitted to the club programs and occasionally altered to suit the individual. All boys could do a thousand juggles and 100 head juggles within five months.

It is admittedly difficult, taking into account that these boys are being developed to be good players between 1986 and 1990, to assess progress. They will never become a "Super Team".

Every player is being developed as a multi-functional individual.

If he has weaknesses, they are worked on and he is played, whenever possible, in a position where that weakness is constantly exposed and then rectified.



# ORANGE-AID!

Ever juggled an orange? Here are two lads from the Blacktown City Super-Kids squad doing just that. One has the orange perched on the end of his instep ready to flick it up again, while his colleague is poised to take over. After a very "appealing" session the orange split asunder.



# SUCCESS FOR SPIDER

BY ALLAN MAHER

HERE are details about the Under 10 team made up of boys participating in my advance coaching program.

The boys have been specially selected from clubs within the Granville Association and as part of our program they played together as the Granville Association representative in the State and NSW A.S.F.A. Metropolitan Championships which they won.

A majority of the players have been participating in the program for two years under the coaching guidance of Atti Abonyi, Doug Utjesenovic and me. Our main objectives are to teach the boys all the basic skills and then encourage them to use their own imagination in game situations and at this point, the results have been outstanding.

In winning the Metropolitan Championships they were beaten only once in six games scoring 22 goals and conceding seven. Leading goalscorer during the competition was Bradley Gambrell with 10 goals.

Three players Tim Keed, Paul Richardson and Gary Black were all members of the successful Metropolitan West region primary school which won the NSW Schools Championship.

Not to be outdone, my brother Bill Maher has had tremendous success with the U11 side this season. Also from the Granville Association, they have gone on to win the State and Metropolitan competitions.

While the Granville U10 team is our star performer, players from our squad will be providing opposing teams with plenty of competition in their preparation for the Champion of Champions competition commencing on September 17 and 18.

At present our squad



Above Brenden Renaud, leftside midfield. Right, Craig Rogers, striker. Far right, Bradley Gambrell, another striker with ten goals to his credit.



consists of players from Granville, Blacktown, Nepean, Southern Districts and Gladesville Hornsby Soccer Association and next season it is hoped that a program including schools will be operational.



Above, the NSW U-15s resplendent in their Admiral jackets. Right, sporting supplies manager Geoff Gray makes a presentation to the U-13s. Background coach Ian Lloyd and partly obscured trainer Stan Acker. Admiral provide all teams with their soccer outfits.

AYE, AYE



Frank Broughton is Registrar both for the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation and the Sydney Branch. A great worker for the game, Frank was for some years the secretary of Canterbury & Districts SFA. He is also a life member of the NSW Amateur Federation.

NSW Amateur Federation treasurer Geore Churchward (right) gives a few pointers on raising funds. George is a life member of the Nepean Soccer Association, which covers the vast lower Blue mountains and Penrith-St Marys' areas.

## FAVOURITE PLAYER WINNER

MY favourite player is John Djordjevic who plays in the National League for Marconi.

He is an exceptionally good defender. Not only is he a fair player but he never gives up and tries his hardest till the final whistle, no matter what the score is. I also like the way John takes the ball

down the right wing, centering it for one of his team mates to score.

Marconi is going very well this year and with excellent players, John Djordjevic namely, they won't give in. I think John, like other players this year, is a "God-send" to Marconi.

Stephen Cuschieri

## WIDER AND WIDER

THE Queensland under 16 team at the National Youth Championships must have come from the most wide-spread places of any of the contesting States.

Players were selected from south of Brisbane on the Gold Coast through to Far North Queensland.

Just have a look at the zones represented, and also the number of future stars coming from the country districts.

**BRISBANE** — Greg Bryant — Goalkeeper; Jason Polak — Midfielder; Thomas Carnavas — Forward; Mark Bornkessel — Forward; Jamie Webb — Forward.

**SUNSHINE COAST** — Stephen Glover — Defender; Nicky Meredith — Forward; Danny Lobwein — Midfielder.

**GOLD COAST** — Mark Falkiner — Defender.

**BUNDABERG** — Guy Barbera — Defender.

**FAR NORTH Q'LD** — Mark De Boom — Defender; Colin Junna — Forward.

**NORTH QUEENSLAND** — Russell Milsom — Goalkeeper; Alan Millican — Midfielder; Michael Walker — Midfielder; David Falco — Defender.

## TURNER CUP TO 'NOCKS'

CESSNOCK High School won their first State Soccer title in 20 years when they defeated Keira Boys High School 2-0 at Macquarie Field, Newcastle.

Both sets of supporters rose to applaud Cessnock's brilliant second goal.

Rodney Bower, a bustling centre-forward, beat no less than five defenders before slotting the ball into goal.

This was the fifth year that the Cup has been run and no fewer than 232 school teams from all sectors of education entered.

Cessnock joins the following previous winners: 1979 Belmont HS; 1980 Tamworth HS; 1981 Glendale HS; 1982 Bankstown BHS.

Cessnock's win was greeted enthusiastically in the coalfields Soccer town which has produced many famous players in the past.

The Mayor, Ald. Fitzgibbons, arranged to give the boys a Civic Reception on September 20 as a token of Cessnock's pride in the team.

Northern NSW president Mr Dave Williams presented the winners' pennants.

Also on hand to reward the runners up was Mr Paul Scott, representing the big Newcastle Permanent Building Society, who also generously supported the series.

Unavoidably absent was Margins of Gosford chief executive Mr Barry Margin, who supported the Bill Turner Cup just as he assisted Central Coast Soccer to progress.

Two early goals from Birrong HS helped them to a 2-1 win and third place at the expense of Kempsey High School.

The country boys from Kempsey recovered late in the game and played superb Soccer at that stage.

In the semi-finals Rodney Bower scored twice for Cessnock who won 2-0 from Kempsey. Kempsey's Bruce Williams looked a real champion in the making.

In the other semi final Keira downed Birrong 2-1.

It was a great series and it would not surprise if over 300 schools entered next season, as some of the potential, particularly in Sydney, has yet to be tapped.

David Lee has been around the lower grades of leading Sydney clubs,



the Association Director of Coaching field and with the Blacktown "Superkids" scheme. He is a FIFA, English FA and ASF qualified coach and is one of Australia's top specialists in producing skilful Australian juniors.

## MY FAVOURITE PLAYER

You have a favourite player in the National or State Leagues? Good.

If you are under 16, write to Mark Jankovics c/- AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and tell us about him.

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He is one of the owners of The Sports Centre at Parramatta Westfield, Carlingford Court and Bankstown Square.

He will award a sports bag of your choice (value \$15) if you are a fortnightly prize winner.

If you are from interstate then your bag will be sent to you.

So write to Mark Jankovics, c/- AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Box 406, Broadway 2007, and tell us about your favourite star — in not more than six sentences.

## Southern Districts Youth League

TRIALS FOR THE UNDER 13 YOUTH LEAGUE AND MINI-AMPOL CUP SQUAD, WILL COMMENCE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, AT 2.00PM  
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BOYS SELECTED IN THE FINAL SQUAD WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH TRACK SUITS AND BAGS.

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**DANNY MILTON WRIGHT**  
**CLUBS:** Bass Hill RSL, Chullora Wolves, Bankstown Reps.  
**POSITIONS:** Centre Back, Sweeper.  
**RECORD:** Bass Hill — Premiers 1 year. Chullora Wolves — Premiers 2 years — NSW Champions 2 years : Bankstown Reps — Metrop 3rd — NSW — 2nd.  
**AMBITIONS:** To play for an English 1st Division team or Auburn.  
**TOUR:** Watching a 1st Division team train.  
**ENJOYMENT:** Playing good.  
**STRENGTH:** Defence.  
**WEAKNESS:** Speed off the mark.  
**AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE:** Danny Wright, my namesake from Brisbane Lions.  
**OVERSEAS FAVOURITE:** Kenny Dalglish.  
**OTHER SPORTS:** Golf.  
**COACH'S COMMENT:** A very honest and hard player who reads the game well and defends with style.



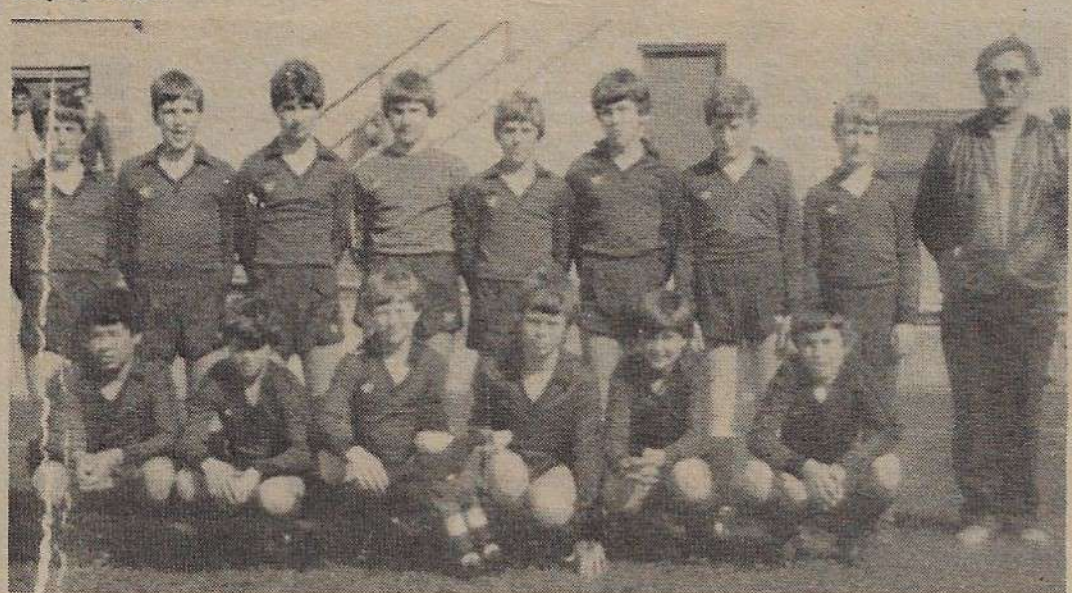
**CRISTIAN ANDREW NAVARRO**  
**CLUBS:** Fairfield Athletics, Melita, Southern District Reps.  
**POSITIONS:** Right Half, Right Wing.  
**RECORD:** Fairfield — Runners Up Major goalscorer — Southern Dist Reps — 5th.  
**AMBITIONS:** Doctor, Engineer, Architect and Soccer player.  
**TOUR:** Very excited to go to a new country and meet new people and Soccer players.  
**ENJOYMENT:** Playing Soccer and playing well.  
**STRENGTH:** Attacking and dribbling.  
**WEAKNESS:** Sometimes controlling the ball.  
**AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE:** Tommy McCulloch.  
**OVERSEAS FAVOURITE:** Zico and Paolo Rossi.  
**OTHER SPORTS:** TV and reading.  
**COACH'S COMMENT:** Intelligent, pleasant boy who is very honest in his attitude towards his game and people; has very good dribbling technique and good vision.



U/12 Centenary Tournament (Ku-Ring-Gai Representatives) TOP (from left): Jonathon Bates (St Ives), Andry Pirrie (Hornsby RSL), Andrew Bates (Lane Cove), Chris Delaney (Lane Cove), Craig Sullivan (Hornsby RSL), Keld Hansen (Wahroonga), Andrew White (Hornsby RSL). BOTTOM (from left): Greg McVeigh (Hornsby RSL), Warren Saunders (Lane Cove), Johnny Belcastro (Hornsby RSL), David Rose (St Ives), Jason Lincoln (Kissing Point U/11), Trevor Greentree (Hornsby RSL), James Old (Hornsby RSL).

Christchurch (New Zealand) Under 13s, currently touring Australia. The team is composed of the boys who were part of the Christchurch representative Under 11 team in 1981, but also includes four other boys who replaced four who were unable to make the trip.

The team is photographed prior to a match in Hobart, Tasmania, in which it defeated a South Hobart Under 13 side 1-0 through a goal by Johan Schoute. After leaving Tasmania, the team will travel to Albury, Canberra, Nowra and Sydney. The boys leave Sydney to return to New Zealand on Sunday 4th September.



Back Row(L-R): M. Toseland, D. Aitchison, J. Flood, H. Nicholas, S. Webster, D. Grant, M. Rievers, J. Rievers, B. Clark(Selector Coach). Front Row(L-R): V. Gunn, A. Reece, A. Grainger, J. Schoute, A. Simmons, L. Harper.  
 (Photo by Walter Pless)

## BRAVO TONY



Tony Raciti, (second left) APIA-Leichhardt's co-coach, instructing players prior to extra time in the NSW Youth League under 14 final. It worked. His team went on to defeat Canterbury Assn 4-2.

## FATIGUE TOLL

AUSTRALIA survived a very late burst by New Zealand to win the U15 international 1-0 at St George Stadium on Sunday.

The standard did not quite come up to expectations, but the reason was easy to see.

Eight days' of continuous football in the National championships, in which the Kiwis played as guests, left the contestants leaden-footed.

At least Australian coach Mick Jones had reason to smile. He only had the team for an hour or so together, and it isn't very often that Australia downs New Zealand.

The winning goal arrived from a full-blooded drive from Australia's Frank Sabatino, a very sound left-side Victorian player.

He managed to crash his shot through Kiwi goalkeeper Rodney Wallbank's hands just after halftime.

New Zealand got one shot in early but referee Horvath ruled that goalie Aston Bell had been fouled.

The Kiwi players moved back well to blanket Australia's attacks.

Their midfielder David Kenny created a deal of bother for the Australians, particularly in the first half.

David Healey turned on a great ball for Australia but Brett Roza cut it out.

At the end New Zealand's Peter Jones and Greg Ashton did everything but score.

**AUSTRALIA:** Bell (Iakamidis), Healey, Leitner, Baird, McColl (Harrison), Clark, Siatris (Hartley), Sabatino, Wright (Nicholson), Caisley, Dawes (Constantinou).

**NEW ZEALAND:** Wallbank (Rixon), Meachem, Green, Marshall, Roza, Kenny, Conroy, Ashton, Worsley (Jones), Wright, Dorman, Oscilowski.

**NORTHERN NSW** won the National U16 final at HMAS Cerberus 1-0 on a penalty kick at the expense of South Australia.

Overall the standard of play was most promising certainly the quality of football in all states has evened up, with the greatest difference between the various teams over the entire championship reflected in a 3-0 result.

South Australia won its semi-final on penalties from NSW after the teams were locked 1-1 after extra time.

An own goal by Victoria

saw Northern NSW into the final with a 2-1 victory.

The play-off for third place between NSW and Victoria was fought out in grand final fashion. A Greg Fisher goal five minutes before half time saw NSW through.

Both NSW and Victoria were good enough to have graced a final. The NSW finishing let them down however.

Allan Edmondson prepared a good team. Alfredo Carmona was exceptional in midfield and Greg Fisher did well as striker. Robert Hooker and Greg Lerond were sound in defence.

Lerond played five matches in a row and raced back to play for Sutherland Shire on the Saturday.

**THE QUEENSLAND** side, coached by Jim Dolan, won the National U15 championship for the first time in a series played at Cramer Park Dee Why.

Dolan was handling a Queensland junior representative team for the 13th year, and this time the players certainly knew how to take the chances that presented themselves.

The remarkable thing was that the players came from virtually all over the state of Queensland.

On the face of it, an impossible job had to be done to prepare a team of this nature. It was a period in camp that turned them into an effective team.

Victoria, the runners-up, had the honour of winning the Trans Tasman Cup in which New Zealand competed. Queensland filled second place.

Overall South Australia ran third and NSW fourth.

The ACT confirmed its improved status, beating South Australia 1-0 and drawing with Victoria, but Northern NSW was below its normal standing.

For NSW Tony Clark

opened the series with a hat-trick. Chris Siatris played a top defensive game, Jason van Blerk carried on the family name but Anthony George had to battle hard with flu.

### AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

The final went to a very competent ACT side 2-1 at Spencer Park, Brisbane. Our story has had to be held over until next issue.

National Director of Coaching Eric Worthington seen giving a few pointers to some 13 and 14 year olds at Blacktown.

**TOUR RESULTS**  
 Cambridge HS (New Zealand) v Muirfield HS 1-0, v Cessnock HS 1-1, v Cardiff HS 0-6, v Whitebridge HS 0-5.

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	G.D.
SYDNEY CITY	22	15	4	3	56	26	49	+30
ST GEORGE	20	11	2	7	37	29	35	+8
OLYMPIC	20	10	3	7	36	29	33	+7
NEWCASTLE	21	10	3	8	34	28	33	+6
A.I.S.	20	8	6	6	27	21	30	+6
CANBERRA	23	9	2	12	31	37	29	-6
MARCONI	21	6	7	8	28	28	25	-
LEICHHARDT	20	4	5	11	24	43	17	-19
WOLLONGONG	21	2	6	13	18	50	12	-30

## SLICKERS CLINCH THE NYL TITLE

SYDNEY City finally wrapped up the National Youth League title at Ziems Park, Corrimall with a comfortable two goals to nil win over the Wolves, whilst six other teams; St George, Olympic, Newcastle, A.I.S., Canberra and Marconi, are all still in with a mathematical chance of making the other three places for the top four series.

At the St George Stadium on Saturday top four contenders Olympic and Newcastle struggled to an unimaginative nil all draw in which a strong wind played a major role.

It was mainly a mid-field battle with very little goalmouth action and both defences predominant. The closest either side came to scoring was in the dying minutes of the game when Mike Boogard headed against the Olympic crossbar following a corner kick.

At Lambert Park things were a lot worse, for they not only had the wind to contend with, they also had a practically unplayable pitch.

The Slickers struggled to a one goal to nil victory

over a depleted Canberra Arrows side who could only field ten men from the kick off, due to injuries and representative duties.

Robert De Ceglie scored for the Strikers in the 40th minute.

Down at Ziems Park the Slickers took the title in great style, despite the low scoreline they were always in command and only the fine form of keeper Jim Preston kept the score respectable.

They took the lead in the 46th minute when Wollongong defender Steve Sargenson headed past his own keeper. Graeme Fletcher put the result beyond doubt in the 85th minute with a great deal of help from another bumpy pitch.

	State Champions	Runners Up	Country Champions	Runners Up	Metropolitan Champions
U10	Granville	Illawarra	Western NSW	Riverina	Granville
U11	Granville	Blacktown	Riverina	Southern NSW	Granville
U12	Illawarra	Nepean	Southern NSW	Western NSW	Illawarra
U13	Illawarra	Sydney Olympic	Western NSW	Riverina	Illawarra
U14	Western NSW	Nepean	Western NSW	Riverina	APIA-Leich



# 'IT WAS AN ACCIDENT' CLAIMS MEXICAN

**ANDREAS MANSO**, the Mexican player from club America whose tackle broke the leg of Aston Villa's Gordon Cowans, claims the incident was an accident.

The dreadful collision took place in Zaragoza, Spain, six minutes before the end of the America-Villa pre season match and it was seen on TV screens all round the world.

Manso was in tears in the dressing room after the match and was refused permission to visit Cowans in hospital. The Mexican said: "The incident was an accident. I have great sympathy for Cowans because, two years ago, I broke my leg

and was out for four months, I know what Cowans is going through.

"We both went for the ball but I had the greater momentum and the greater strength and that is what caused the accident."

Cowans, 24, and recently in Australia with the England team, had a different idea about what happened, blaming Manso for going over the top. Cowans said: "I went to win the ball with a block tackle. In the last split

second I saw his studs right up above the ball. They went through my shinpad. I just went in to take the ball — he went to take me.

"He might have gone in to do me but I can't believe he was looking to break my leg," added the Villa player.

This serious injury comes at a bad time for Gordon Cowans who was

**Gordon Cowans: loses vital spot in the England squad.**



hoping 1983/84 would be the most important season in his career.

"I had made the breakthrough to the England side but was not playing in international matches as I play for Villa. My ambition was to achieve that level of performance. Now other players will come in and they'll be hard to get out," he lamented.

As far as Aston Villa are concerned, the Cowans injury, which was a double fracture and will keep the player out for six months, probably means Denis Mortimer will not be allowed to leave.

## OVER SEAS



Giorgio Chinaglia



## MERCENARY MERIT LIST

IN Italy, there has been a vote to name the greatest foreign imports to have played in the Italian League.

Divided into groups from Argentina, Brazil and Europe, the most popular choices were:—

**ARGENTINA** — Monti, Longo, Basso, Martinha, Muschio, Passarella, Cesarini, Sivori, Guaita, Angelillo and Orsini.

**BRAZIL** — Edinho, Orlando, Pedrinho, Dino Sarni, Falcao, Cerezo, Zico, Julinho, Altafini, Vinicio and Amarildo.

**EUROPE** — Bergmark, Charles, Gustavsson, Schneltinger, Gren, Owirk, Krol, Suarez, Liedholm, Platini, J. Hansen, Law, Hamrin, Nordahl, Nyers, Skoglund, Selmosson.



Platini (above) and Passarella (below): both popular choices.



## ZICO'S TEAM ON TOP

UDINE was the venue for the Trofeu Zanussi featuring four teams from Italy, Brazil, Germany and Spain.

Udinese beat Vasco of Rio in the final 3-0. Final standings were 1st Udinese, 2nd Vasco, 3rd, Eintracht Frankfurt and 4th Real Madrid.

Zico (Udinese) won the trophy for "best goal."

## 'COPA IS ON

SOUTH AMERICA's national teams are now engaged in the Copa De America and Argentina, having beaten the old enemy Brazil 1-0, look like adding to their impressive record in this event.

Previous winners of the Cup are:— Argentina nine times, Uruguay four times, Brazil (3), Peru (2), Paraguay 2, and Bolivia once.

## BOGIE LOVES TO ASSIST!

**FORMER Yugoslavian star midfielder Vladislav Bogicevic is the king of the "assist men" in the North American Soccer League.**

In the NASL, players are awarded points for helping their teams to score goals — as well as for scoring them.

A goal rates two points and an assist rates one. In 1978 when Bogicevic played his first season with New York Cosmos, the Yugoslavian scored 10 goals and assisted in 17 others, giving him 37 points.

The record number of assists in one season is 30 and the player who established the record was Alan Hinton of Vancouver Whitecaps. (Hinton is a former English international winger who

laid on many goals for colleagues at Nottingham Forest and Wolves in his UK playing days.)

This year, Cosmos' Bogicevic has a chance of beating Hinton's record.

"Bogie" has recorded 27 assists with three matches to go. Indeed he could have passed the record some time ago if his great mate Giorgio Chinaglia had played more regularly for Cosmos.

"Giorgio and I have played together for six years and it makes a big difference to me if he is not fit to play," said Bogicevic. "I can pass him

the ball with my eyes closed."

The elegant Yugoslavian midfielder is well aware of his strength — which is accurate passing. He says, "I always try to be the man to direct things from the middle of the park. I did it for Red Star in Belgrade and also for the Yugoslavian national side. I have something other players do not have — the ability to communicate."

Despite his great skill and his record chasing in the assists department, "Bogie" is not the favorite player of Cosmos fans. In fact, when his name is announced at the start of each match, he generally gets booed! That's because spectators believe he is a lazy player... a creator who never seems to run much.

Explaining his acceptance of the booing, he comments: "I like to hear the boos before a game because it gives me an incentive to play well and show the fans what I can do. People who boo think this game is all about fighting and running. They're wrong. It's a game for thinkers and I've always been a man for thinking."

At the end of this season, Chinaglia will retire as a player. That's when Bogicevic will desperately need a team mate to score the goals he lays on.

He hopes to forge a good understanding with Robert Cabanas and Steve Moyers after Chinaglia departs.

## IS DOC FJORD AWAY?

**THE FJORDS of Norway are a long way from Sydney's Pratten Park but that's where Tommy Docherty could be heading for his next coaching assignment.**

The Doc has had an offer from a Norwegian club. His great mate, Tommy Cavanagh, who was Docherty's Manchester United assistant, regularly coaches in Norway and told The Doc it's a great place.



## RESULTS

**PORTUGAL**  
Varzim v Sporting 0-1  
Boavista v Guimaraes 0-0  
Braga v Estoril 1-0  
Farense v Setubal 2-1

**WEST GERMANY**  
Dortmund v U'dingen 2-1  
Ein F'urt v D'dorf 3-0  
Nuremberg v O'bach 4-0  
B Munich v W Bremen 0-0  
Cologne v B'swick 2-1

Stuttgart v Bochum 4-2  
K'lautern v L'kusen 3-0  
W D L F A Pts  
Stuttgart 3 2 0 12 4 8  
Munich 3 2 0 9 5 8  
Hamburg 3 1 0 9 5 7  
Uerdingen 3 1 1 15 9 7  
D'dorf 2 2 1 6 6 6  
W Bremen 2 1 2 7 7 5

**ARGENTINA**  
Huracan v l'diente 1-1  
Platense v Ar Juniors 1-0  
Racing v Temperley 2-1  
Boca v E'diantes 3-1

Fero Carril Oeste lead on 21 points, followed by Huracan and Independiente (17), Argentinos Juniors and Velez Sarsfield (16).

**ROMANIA**  
B'rest S.S. v G Danube 3-0  
B'rest St v TG Mures A 5-0  
Plo P'lul v B'rest Rapid 3-1  
Uni Craiova v Baia M FC 4-0  
Olt FC v T'viste CS 2-0  
RM Vilcea C v Pl Arges 1-0  
Or Bihor v Hun C'nul 1-1  
Iasi Poli v B'rest Di 0-0  
Pet Jiul v Bacau sc 2-0





## NEILL ORDERS 'GOALS'

**ARSENAL** copped plenty of abuse last season because of their lack of flair, particularly in their forward line.

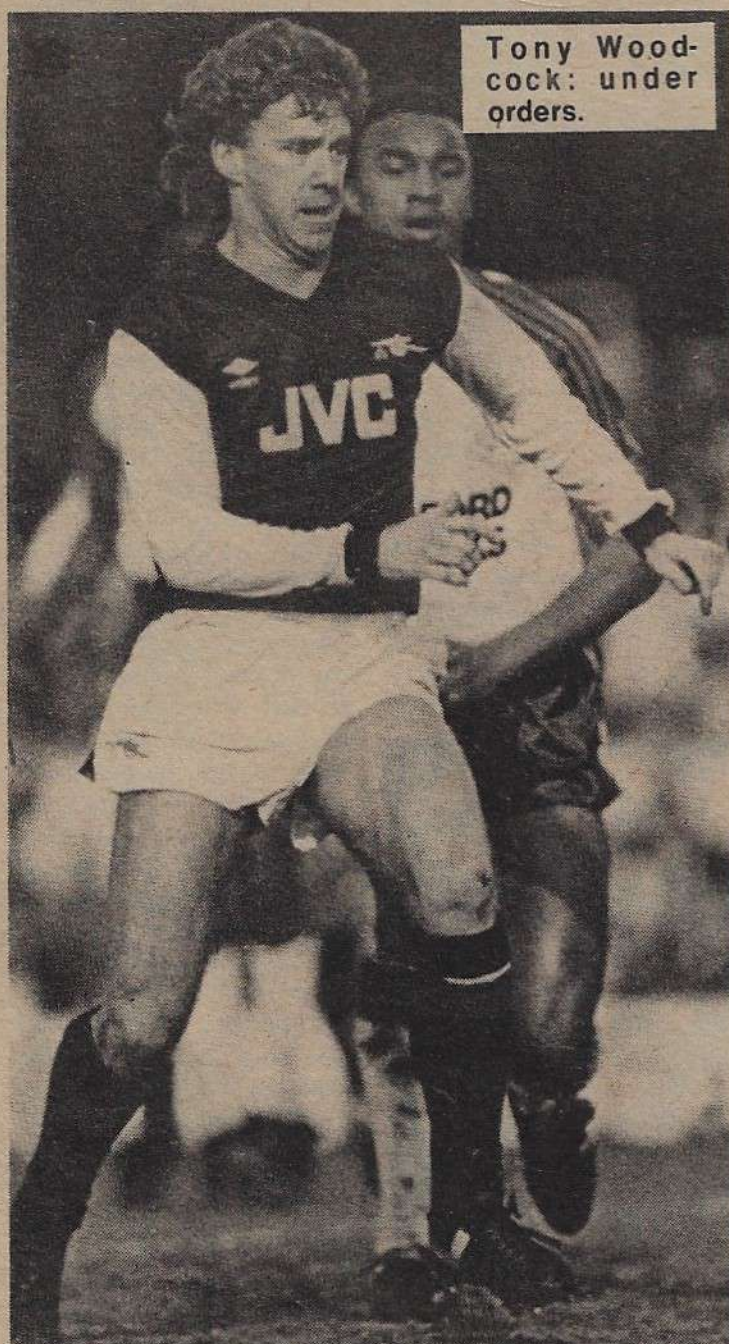
Obviously manager Terry Neill has decided to do something different to get into the good books of bored supporters.

Neill has told his two main front runners, Charlie Nicholas and Tony Woodcock, to head for goal whenever they get the ball. They've been warned against turning back and laying the ball off.

Nicholas is looking forward to a bright debut season with the Gunners

but former Arsenal star Alan Hudson, now with Chelsea, thinks Arsenal bought badly when they signed Nicholas from Celtic.

"Charlie may be a fine player, but he's not the answer for Arsenal," said Hudson. "The way they play, doesn't motivate players to turn it on. I can't see Arsenal finishing above halfway," he predicted.



Tony Woodcock: under orders.

## BANKS TO DICTATE TACTICS!

MALCOLM MACDONALD, manager of Fulham, believes the biggest influence on football this season will come from bank managers.

Macdonald points out that, with money so tight

and so many clubs deep in debt, pressure from the banks will be felt in all club board rooms.

Says Macdonald: "Bank managers are concerned about money through the gates. They also know

that the only way to attract spectators and revenue is to go flat out to score goals. We're in the entertainment business and spectators want to see the return of individual characters."

Coventry paid United a fee of \$320,000.

# MISERY FOR CURRIE



Tony Currie: looking for an opening.

**ONLY 15 months ago, Tony Currie was QPR's Cup Final replay captain against Spurs, watched by 90,000 Wembley fans.**

Today, Currie, at 33, wonders if there is any opening left in football for him. He is playing for the tiny Isthmian League club of Chesham and in his first appearance, the attendance was 200.

Currie claims he lost \$3,500 of his own money when he moved to Canada to play for Toronto Nationals. The club folded, forcing Currie to return to England to seek a Soccer job.

So far, none of the Football League clubs has

shown interest and that's why Currie is helping out at Chesham.

It's a sad story really. After all, Tony Currie did play 17 times for England and had more than 500 first team games for clubs like Leeds United, Sheffield United, Watford and QPR.

Currie said: "My pride won't allow me to sign on for the dole but I'm getting desperate. Nearly all my savings have gone."

Late news... Sheffield United could sign Currie.

## IRISH, WELSH VERY ANGRY

**ENGLAND'S decision to pull out of the Home International series is still causing much anger and heartache in Wales and Northern Ireland.**

England and Scotland will continue to meet each year — but only because their games always produce big gate receipts.

There was a time when Northern Ireland relied on filling their Windsor Park, Belfast, ground for the visit of England and Scotland to bring in the cash to keep solvent. Similarly, a big crowd at Ninian Park, Cardiff, for the England international match, enabled the Welsh F.A. to balance its books.

But it seems there's no sentiment — or sympathy — in UK football.

England and Scotland don't rate the Irish or Welsh as crowd-pullers and that's why the Home International tournament is to be scrapped. Last February, 24,000 watched England beat Wales 2-1 at Wembley... and that was the smallest crowd ever for an English international match at Wembley.

## NEWCASTLE UTD FANCY DALGLISH

KENNY DALGLISH might appear a permanent fixture at Liverpool but that didn't stop Newcastle United boss Arthur Cox from asking if the Scottish international was available.

Cox also tapped Aston Villa about the unsettled Peter Withe.

Newcastle are convinced this could be their promotion season but they need a big name goalscorer to help Kevin Keegan up front.

Oddly enough, Dalglish was bought by Liverpool from Celtic... to replace

Keegan when Hamburg SV took Keegan to Germany.

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THE initial success of Fulham when they entered the Rugby League competition convinced other UK Soccer clubs that they should also field teams in the Rugby League.

But there are grave doubts that it will work. Rugby League is essentially a north of England sport — the southerners are just not interested.



## HAMMERS FIX UP WALFORD

STEVE WALFORD recently signed a new contract with Norwich City, but he needn't have bothered.

He has been transferred to West Ham United at a fee of \$300,000.

Walford, formerly with

Spurs and Arsenal, said the transfer deal came right out of the blue and London was the only place he would have moved to from Norwich.

"I have always been an admirer of the West Ham style," he added.

## MONEY, MONEY!

RICHARD MONEY, Luton Town's defender, has moved to Portsmouth at a figure of \$80,000.

That's not big money for Money, who cost Luton \$180,000 when they bought him from Liverpool. That was 18 months ago but since then, Money has not been able to keep a regular first team place at Luton.



BOB HAZELL (QPR) claims he hasn't had a pay rise for four years but he hopes to settle his contract problems this week.

## GET A STRIKER TO WIN!



Mike Robinson

JIMMY MELIA, boss of Cup Final losers Brighton, has a word of advice for Ron Atkinson, boss of Cup Final winners Manchester United. "Get one more striker and you'll win the championship," says Melia.

Melia goes on: "Stapleton and Whiteside are both very good strikers, but there will be times when they find things not going well for them and the goals not coming. But Liverpool were smart — they bought Mike Robinson from my club."

United were rumoured to be trying to buy Robinson although when Liverpool decided to pounce, Robinson was signed up in a hurry.

## LAWRIE WORRIES ABOUT ENGLAND

**ENGLAND'S international team hasn't covered itself in glory in recent years, looking very ordinary from Madrid to the Sydney Cricket Ground.**

One club boss who worries about that is Southampton's Lawrie McMenemy.

He said: "Some England players are playing as though they were automatic choices. They should lift their levels to stay in the team."

"We badly need a successful England team be-

cause this is a season of crisis for everyone. Live TV will put our product to the test."

"The man in the street will no longer come to see prima donnas earning vast amounts of money and being happy with a 0-0 draw. The game is in a terrible state financially. We have to keep people on the edge of their seats."

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RON ATKINSON, Manchester United's manager, was asked to name a team which might provide shocks in the first division race. His answer? Queens Park Rangers — because their style of play suits the first division.

Did you catch the first day's results... Manchester United 3 QPR 1.



Laurie McMenemy